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Tuition proposal to increase fees 10 percent

Students may receive an additional bill to pay increased fees for Spring 2003

JON ORTIZ AND JACLYN SCHULTZ
State Hornet

California State University students could see $70-$100 tacked on to their tuition fees effective immediately for the spring 2003 semester under a plan the CSU Board of Trustees will consider in an special meeting next week.

A grim-sounding Chancellor Charles B. Reed Friday announced that a fee hike of 10-15 percent is on the drawing board as one way to make up part of the $125 million budget shortfall hitting the 23-campus system this year.

"We are entering a belt-tightening that will be worse than what we experienced in the early 1990s," said Richard West, CSU executive vice chancellor and chief financial officer.

Representatives of the California State Students Association, the CSU student lobby, said if the board passes the tuition increase, it could mean an additional cost of $72 for undergraduate students and over $100 for graduate students each semester.



Charles B. Reed
CSU Chancellor

Students with financial aid would pay a prorated tuition increase, but students with federal aid grants would pay the entire fee out of pocket due to deadline passages. Such a measure would generate $30 million.

Reed's announcement came on the heels of Governor Gray Davis' call the same day for a fresh round of mid-session state budget cuts.

With estimates placing California's budget shortfall at between $21-$30 billion through 2004, Davis wants to slash $59.6 million from the CSU budget for the current fiscal year as part of a larger plan to get state spending under control.

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TRAPPED ALIVE



Employees of elevator subcontractor Montgomery Kone work to repair the elevators in Parking Structure II.

PHOTO BY JASON LEHRBAUM/ STATE HORNET

Structure II elevator traps students

JESSICA MICHALAK PHILLIPS
State Hornet

A malfunctioning elevator in Parking Structure II broke down three times last Wednesday, trapping students. University officials responded by shutting down the faulty elevator and the one next to it.

The elevators were shut down two other times this semester due to technical malfunctions.

Facilities Management Customer Service Director Bruce Ballon said the elevator subcontractor Montgomery Kone was called out the week prior to the entrapments to replace valves.

The elevators in Parking Structure II are under warranty until the end of this year.



PHOTO BY GERYLYN ROJO/STATE HORNET

An elevator closed off to the public in Parking Structure II.

Ballon said while it is common to have problems with brand new elevators, the campus has never had problems this severe.

"I have no idea what could be wrong," Ballon said. "They did not report back to me. Elevator problems have never been quite this bad."

Facilities Management Director Ron Richardson said that he had no idea that any entrapments ever occurred.

"I knew that Montgomery Kone came out and let us know that there was a problem with the elevator hydraulics," Richardson said. "The elevators have been up and running again since Thursday."

Richardson said the elevators are expected to continue to run without further problems.

The owner of Sunrise Elevators Inc.,

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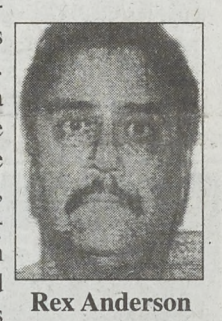
Employee arrested for sex crimes

Campus worker detained on campus

LINDSAY COMSTOCK
State Hornet

El Dorado County police arrested a Sacramento State employee on suspicion of forcing sexual acts on a juvenile for the past three years.

Rex Anderson, 49, was taken into custody on campus Nov. 26, where he works as a drafting technician for Facilities Management.



Rex Anderson
Drafting Technician

According to a story written in the Nov. 27 issue of the Mountain Democrat, Anderson was arrested on suspicion of committing lewd and lascivious acts for the last three years including multiple counts of intercourse and oral copulation on a juvenile.

Authorities learned of the crime when the victim, who recently became an adult, reported the case to Child Protective Services, said Public Information Officer for the El Dorado Sheriff's Department, Lieutenant Kevin House.

Anderson, who is a Shingle Springs resident, is in custody at the El Dorado County Jail. His bail is posted at $500,000.

Public Information Officer for University Police, John Hamrick, said the arrest was handled as an outside agency assist and University Police had no involvement in his arrest.

Anderson's campus voice mail says that he will be out of his office for an extended period of time.

Facilities Management did not return State Hornet phone calls for comment before deadline.

Anderson entered a not guilty plea in court Monday. A preliminary trial is scheduled for Dec. 19.

Meet Horneeto



Horneeto, who was named by Lauren Kesseler



Lauren Kesseler, who named Horneeto

Congratulations to Lauren Kesseler for coming up with the name "Horneeto" and winning the "Name that Superhero Contest!!" Lauren and one of her lucky friends will be enjoying a fun-filled evening at TGI Fridays, courtesy of the State Hornet! Visit the Funny Pages at B8 to learn more about this creative gal!

Campus STANDs up to current smoking policy

Greek activities and college sporting events targeted; petitions recieved

JESSICA MICHALAK PHILLIPS
State Hornet

Students Taking Action Against Nicotine Dependence (STAND) are fighting to make Sacramento State a smoke-free campus with proposals including smoke-free athletic events and Greek activities.

For approximately two years, STAND has been an active club on campus funded by a grant through the American Lung Association.

The current smoking policy at Sac State includes that smoking is not allowed within 20 feet of any campus building entrances, and also prohibits smoking in the stadiums of any outdoor games.

The Senior Program Manager of the American Lung Association, Leslie Snokes, said the main goal is to set aside separate smoking areas away from campus buildings, and to eliminate smoking at athletic events and other campus events.

STAND team member Flavio Alves made a proposal to the Panhellenic and Inter-Fraternity Council, the organizations that govern sororities and fraternities on campus, on why they should keep mixers and other Greek events smoke free.

"We realize that each campus is different and unique and needs its own policy," Snokes said. "We have received tremendous support from Sac State; we have already received a petition with 1400 student signatures."

Alves said the Greek community is preparing a resolution that will be voted on within the next two weeks.

"We are trying to go little by little to achieve this goal," Alves said.

STAND has sent out proposal letters to campus departments asking for letters of support.

Alves said that one of STAND's ideas is to implement courses that would help smokers quit their habit.

"The faculty senate will be voting on that soon," Alves said. "American River College has classes like that and they are a community college."

Panhellenic President Tracy Zenovic said that she supports STAND's ideas.

"I think that it's a great idea," Zenovic said. "A

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Police Log

SACRAMENTO STATE'S CAMPUS POLICE

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Sunday, Dec. 1
WARRANT ARREST
State University Drive- Officer out with subject on a moped. Check of subject revealed a felony no bail warrant out of Sacramento. He was arrested and transported to Sacramento Co. Jail where he was booked on the outstanding warrant. Report taken.

Monday, Dec. 2
VANDALISM
Desmond Hall- Unknown subject fired 18 shots from a paint ball gun at a window and wall. Report taken.
LARCENY-THEFT
Riverside Hall- Victim reported that his cell phone was stolen. While making the report, the cell phone was turned into lost and found. Report cancelled and the property was returned.
VEHICLE RECOVERY
College Town Drive- Recovery of a stolen vehicle, a 1986 Toyota truck. Two subjects were taken into custody and booked into Sacramento Co. Jail. Report taken.

Tuesday, Dec. 3
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
Lot 2- 1994 Honda Motorcycle. Black, red and white. Taken between 6:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Report taken.
ASSUALT/BATTERY
Parking Structure I- Victim was confronted by another subject over a perceived traffic violation. During the incident, the suspect pushed the victim. Assault report taken. Investigation pending.
INCIDENT
Desmond Hall- Caller reported approximately eight male subjects lighting things on fire and throwing them. Subjects were gone on arrival.
TRESPASS
Placer Hall- Caller reported that there might be an unauthorized person taking a shower inside the building. Subject was located and identified. Advised to leave and not return.
DISTURBANCE
Guy West Bridge- Report of teenagers hitting lamps on the bridge with baseball bats. Subjects were gone on arrival.

Wednesday, Dec. 4
INCIDENT
Child Development Center- Reporting party complained about being solicited by students with leaflets for employment. Described as young adults. Checked area. Unable to locate.
INCIDENT
Parking Structure II- Reporting party stated that at around 9:30 a.m. she saw a white male adult, 5'10" 200lbs in his mid twenties, driving in the area slowly then stopping and going up to cars and bending over. Checked area. Unable to locate.
DISTURBANCE
Tahoe Hall- Report of a possibly intoxicated person. The subject is described as older, gray hair, scruffy and smells of alcohol. Subject contacted and checked ok.
INCIDENT
Parking Structure I- Vehicle rolled out of a parking space and appeared to be on fire. Owner is with the vehicle. Fire department and officers responded. Fire extinguisher used by officers to put out the fire. Vehicle towed and report taken.
DISTURBANCE
Sierra Hall- Report of two males fighting between Sutter and Sierra Hall. Subjects were gone on arrival. Unable to locate.

Thursday, Dec. 5
VEHICLE CODE
Lot 8- 2000 Ford Ranger, red. Vehicle was hit on the right side by unknown vehicle. Report taken.
SERVICE
Eureka Hall- Reporting party thinks that his girlfriend is missing. He last saw her at 1:30 p.m. when they parted to go to class. Female was located.
INDECENT EXPOSURE
Library- Victim reported that a male exposed himself to her. Subject is described as a white male adult, 6'0", short brown hair, wearing a long sleeve blue shirt and blue jeans. Area checked and unable to locate. Report taken.
LARCENY-THEFT
Library- Reporting party states that yesterday around 3 p.m. a portable computer was taken from room 3500. Report taken..

Saturday, Dec. 7
BURGLARY
Facilities Management Offices- Burglary of warehouses. Report taken.
OTHER AGENCY ASSIST
Guy West Bridge- Sacramento Police Department advised that there were approximately 20 underage drinkers under the Guy West Bridge on the East side. Subjects were contacted and the crowd was dispersed. Assisted.

Tennis player seeking hearing following dismissal from team

JUSTIN BOVERT
State Hornet

The dismissal of a student from the women's tennis team moved several faculty and students to meet Monday in a show of support and to plan legal moves to address the matter.

Italina Kirknis was removed from the tennis team following charges of negative and unsportsmanlike behavior.

A letter signed by Athletic Director Terry Wanless states Kirknis was dismissed from the team for the use of profanity during tennis matches and lack of respect shown towards elderly tennis players at a charity event.

In a written statement dated Dec. 5, Kirknis denied any charges made against her by tennis head coach Bill Campbell.



Italina Kirknis
Former tennis player

"I reject the findings of this investigation and I am in the process of calling for a university wide hearing," said Kirknis.

Women's Studies Professor Michelle Matisons is supporting Kirknis through the appeal and complaint processes.

"The university makes it very difficult to navigate through procedures," said Matisons. "It took us a month to get written notification of her dismissal."

Matisons along with Women's Studies Professor Rita Cameron Wedding and Criminal Justice Professor Cecil Canton are seeking legal defense for a possible lawsuit against the university.

The letter from university officials states that Kirknis will be allowed to retain her scholarship through the end of the Spring 2003 semester even though she will not be allowed to play on the tennis team.

Fulkerson: Entrapments in new elevators not normal

Elevators: From A1

Dawn Fulkerson, a competitor of Montgomery Kone, said elevator entrapments are not common and are cause for serious concern.

"The fact that the elevators are continuing to run after three consecutive entrapments in one day is suspicious," Fulkerson said.

Fulkerson said she has been stuck in an elevator before and described the experience as terrifying.

"Entrapments in brand new elevators are not normal at all," Fulkerson said.

English Professor Carrie Bowen Mercer was upset by the situation.

"My reaction is not a good one," Bowen Mercer said. "I think a complaint should be filed."

Sac State senior Heidi Watters had a similar reaction.

"I always park on the top of Parking Structure II," Watters said. "Now I will think twice about using the elevators; especially since elevators seem to have a shady reputation at Sac State."

Watters comment was in reference to an investigative report by *The State Hornet* earlier this semester, on the findings of several expired elevator permits around campus.

Ballon said that all elevator permits are currently up to date.

"(The elevators) were all just inspected," Ballon said.

Richardson said that the elevator permits are always behind when it comes time to renew them.

"The state department that reviews the elevators is always months behind on reviewing those papers," Richardson said.

Names of the persons entrapped were not taken at the time of rescue.

The elevators in Parking Structure II have been running since last October.

Any problems or concerns about the way a campus elevator is running should be immediately directed to Facilities Management at 278-6242, and an elevator technician will respond within 30 minutes.



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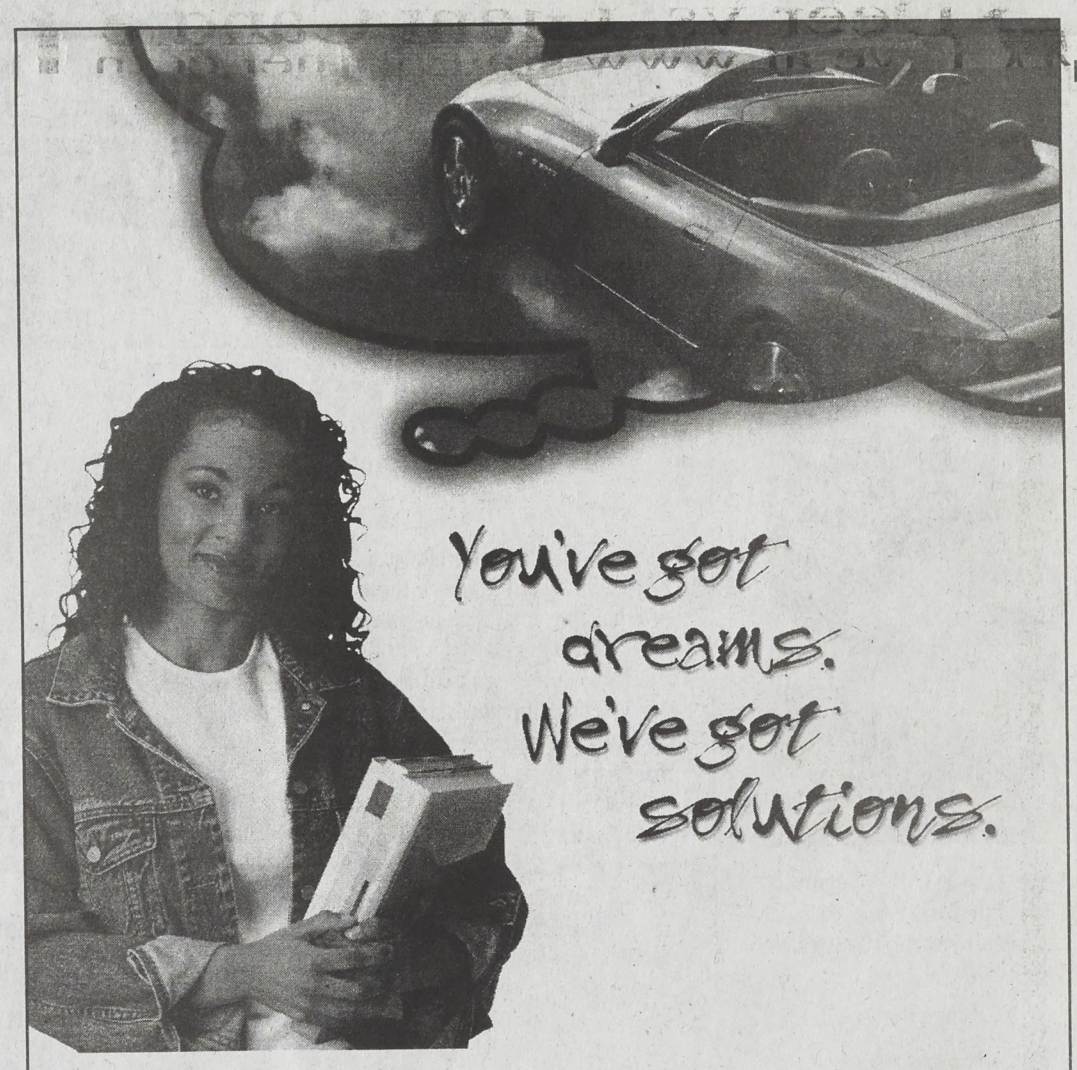
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University not responsible for 'acts of God', falling tree branch

NICK DOMICH
State Hornet

The sudden storm in early November brought a momentary scare to the Sacramento State campus community.

A 23 year-old female student was taken to the hospital when she was struck by a falling branch near the east side of Eureka Hall. She sustained injuries to her head and left hand.

In the end, three vehicles were damaged and two roadway blockage incidents occurred as a result of falling branches and severed portions of trees.

"The university's position states it is not liable for acts of God, such as falling branches," said Sac State Risk Manager Steve Somsen.

Somsen said this has been a long-standing decision that has not changed since he began employment in this department nearly two years ago.

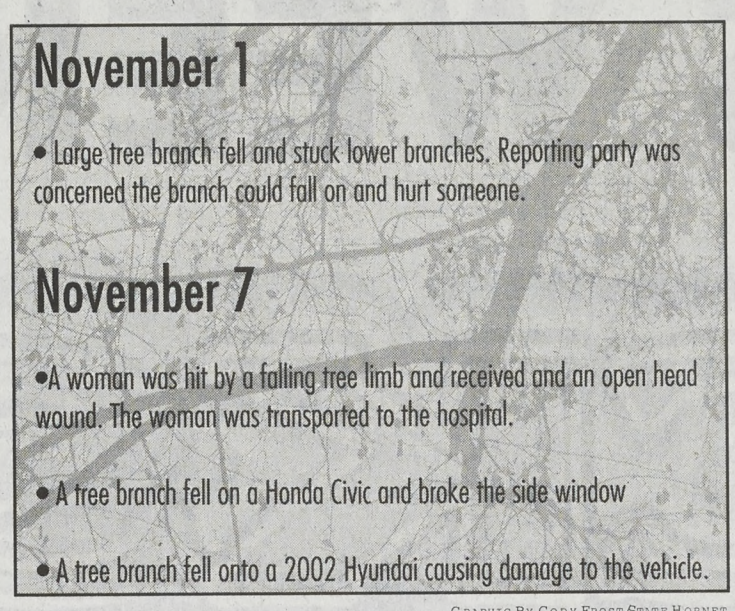
As part of the job requirement, Facilities Management is always on full alert with this issue.

"We try to mitigate the liability potential by constantly assessing the status of the trees on campus," said Associate Vice President of Facilities Management Mathew Altier.

Altier said the primary concentration is on the parking lot, walkways, and trees surrounding lights. Director of Custodial & Grounds Services Mario Ruiz, inspects trees every year.

Ruiz checks the trees for evidence, such as constant loss of branches, and structural integrity to determine what the next line of action will be.

The winter months provide ample time for inspection while the leaves are dormant.



GRAPHIC BY CODY FROST/STATE HORNET

"Trees are a lot like humans; they will always have some kind of physical weakness," said Ruiz.

In addition to observation, Ruiz calls in an arborist to take core samples to determine the health of the trees. The signs of a dying tree are not always apparent from the outside appearance. With more species of trees than Ruiz has ever encountered, core samples become the best tool for deciding the fate of a tree.

Tree maintenance can range from a basic trimming to complete removal.

A rare specie of tree, the pinuspinea can be seen in front of Douglass Hall, easily identifiable among the sea of trees. With a diagonally growing trunk and limbs draping over the walkway as if they were preparing to seize the next passing student, the pinuepinea was fitted for two bracing rods. The rods prevent the tree from growing out into the walkway while preserving the rare tree.

The University of California in Berkeley has a line of pinuspinea on a sloping hillside, connected by wire in order to maintain growth integrity. The tree which is prone to dangling growth, is still popular on many college campuses.

Some students applaud the measures taken by Facilities Management.

"I like the scenery, but the safety of the campus community takes precedence," said returning student Deidre Kennelly.

Tree removal only occurs when a disease or damage inflicted upon a tree overcomes the tree's ability to live.

This was the situation recently with a tree removed by Sacramento Hall.

The tree had all of the visual characteristics of health, but core samples revealed just the opposite.

"Mother nature takes care of the trees and everything else out here through the use of wind, rain, sunlight," said Ruiz. "That tends to be enough in most cases."

Campus Briefs

Prosecutors no longer seeking death penalty in Dutra case

Sarah Dutra, the Sacramento State student who was arrested during the Spring 2002 semester, will have jury selection for her trial to begin on Jan. 6.

Dutra was arrested for her possible involvement with Laren Sims Jordan in the poisoning death of Sacramento attorney Larry McNabney.

The prosecutors in the case are no longer seeking the death penalty against Dutra but are seeking life imprisonment due to the alleged murder being for financial gain.

- Michael Holguin

Health Center says 30 percent of students drink and drive

December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness month (NDDDA), and the Sacramento State Health Center provided information pertaining to the students on campus and the drunk and drugged driving statistics.

"In the spring the CSUS Alcohol Advisory Council surveyed the students of CSUS and found that 70 percent of students here choose not to drink and drive. We were happy to know that a majority of students are responsible regarding drinking and driving," Health Educator Cyndra Krogen said.

The Health Center will also implement many programs in the spring to maintain the high number of non-drinking and driving students.

The 2001 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA), which was released by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in September 2002, stated 25 million (one in 10) Americans surveyed reported driving under the influence of alcohol. The report stated the number of Americans driving under the influence of alcohol is up nearly three million more than the previous year.

Driving under the influence of drugs can be just as dangerous as driving while under the influence of alcohol, according to a mental health Web Site.

- Michelle Perez

UTAPS kicks off annual holiday food drive

The campus holiday food drive is underway for the 28th year at Sacramento State University.

Sac State has partnered with over 100 state-wide agencies to provide meals for the less fortunate.

University Parking and Transportation Services Manager Nancy Fox said that along with any food donations, students and staff alike are encouraged to donate cash.

"Cash donations go the farthest," Fox said. "Every dollar donated purchases two and a half pounds of food."

All donations are picked up by the Sacramento Food Link, who in turn uses the cash donations to purchase food in bulk quantities.

Cash donations are tax deductible, and every dollar earned goes straight to the families; there are no administrative fees, according to Director of Support Services Ronald Grant.

Students wanting to make donations can do so at any drive-thru information box located at campus entrances.

"Every person on campus could impact this campaign," Fox said.

The holiday drive will continue on campus through Thursday, Dec. 19.

Bulk food donations are accepted throughout the year. Call Nancy Fox at 278-5241 to arrange for pick-up.

- Jessica Michalak Phillips

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Reed: There are immense challenges ahead for the California State University

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refusing to allocate another $22.8 million for employee salaries and health benefits.

Taken together, the cuts total $125 million, or $307 per student enrolled in the CSU.

And when Davis announces his state budget proposal for the 2003-04 year, observers expect that the governor will look to make more cuts in college education funding.

California's fiscal year begins June 1 and ends May 31.

"There are immense challenges ahead for the California State University," Reed said. "This year is a problem, but next year could be a catastrophe."

The CSU's financial picture is so uncertain that the Board of Trustees called a special session for Monday to address the matter.

Besides tuition increases, staff layoffs or reducing the number of classes available are likely topics on the agenda.

The chancellor's office told university presidents hold down spending through, among other things, limited hiring freezes, avoiding long-term contracts and not replacing equipment. Despite those measures, the CSU still faces a growing tide of red ink.

"We have been successful at limiting spending the first part of this year, but these additional cuts are going to be felt by all areas at the campuses," Reed said. "And we'll feel even more pain next year."



Eric Guerra
ASI President

A record 407,000 students enrolled in the CSU for the fall 2002 semester.

At Sacramento State, 28,558 students take at least one class.

The current Sac State enrollment for this semester exceeds state funding by almost 2,300 students, despite the administration's decision to cut off student applications earlier this year than in previous years.

That same trend has been a constant on all but a handful of the more remote CSU campuses, and contributes to concerns that unless lawmakers or the Board of Trustees find more money, that not everyone who wants to attend a CSU will find room.

Reed pledged to accommodate current students through the end of the spring semester, but didn't commit beyond that.

"We expect to accommodate our student enrollment through the remainder of this year, and will make every effort to honor our commitment to students to provide classes and services."

CSSA's Pimentel said he is concerned that Chancellor Reed and his administration are not looking into other options, like cutting administration costs.

"This increase is happening too fast and other alternatives have not been sought out," Pimentel said. Student fee increases should be the last alternative, not the first."

The CSSA and Associated Students, Inc. will provide students from Sac State and other CSU campuses free transportation by charter buses to attend the Board of Trustees meeting, with lodging in Long Beach the night before.

Students wanting to speak at the meeting must make arrangements with the CSSA.

Contact ASI Press Secretary Erin Hicks for information at 278-4032.

Self: 'I'll bet a fee increase is coming'

JON ORTIZ
State Hornet

Sacramento State is likely to see fee increases, higher student-to-faculty ratios and slowed student services once the Board of Trustees charts the course for the California State University system in the wake of Gov. Gray Davis' call for a new round of budget cuts.

According to Jon Self, Sac State's associate vice president of finance, students will probably have to ante up more money for the spring semester, though he is not sure how much that will be.

"Based on my observations and my years of experience with this sort of thing, I'll bet that a fee increase is coming," said Self, who has been at Sac State for 25 years.

But the Capital Campus is in better shape than some other schools in the system.

Sac State's administrators started tightening their belts last year by slowing down administrative hiring and shifting money into savings for anticipated expenses.

"We knew that (employee) health insurance costs were going to explode, so we set aside funds to deal with it," Self said. "Not every school did that."

Jim Chopyak, president of the Sacramento chapter of the California Faculty Association agreed that Sac State prepared for the budget crunch, but called for more openness in how budget decisions are reached.

"They appear to have done a good job getting ready for (the budget cuts)," Chopyak said Monday. "Now they need to take a more holistic approach to the budget and be more open.

"And faculty and students need to watch this very carefully to make sure that any cuts don't hurt instruction."

If, as Self suspects, the Board of Trustees next week decides to raise fees for the spring semester, Sac State would mail out thousands of bills for the extra payments.

Students who failed to pay up would not have access to their grades and could face being removed from university rolls.

"If there is a fee increase, we will bill and follow our normal collection process. If the students don't pay, they will be disenrolled," Self said, noting that the university sends letters and makes phone calls to students who are slow to pay before making that final move.

The CSU has not raised fees since 1992, when, with California in the throes of a similar budget crunch, it issued a mid-year tuition hike.

Campus disenrollments rose that year.

"We have to remove people for non-payment every year," Self said. "But that year the percentage was higher. Not a whole lot, but it was noticeable."

Students interviewed by the Hornet on Monday had plenty of questions and some expressed anger at what they see as poor planning by administrators and elected officials.

"How can something like this happen?" asked freshman Reece Hodges as she sipped coffee in the University Union. "You can't tell me that no one knew there was going to be a problem. Nobody wanted to admit it."

Mike Peterson, a senior said he thinks election year politics made a bad situation worse.

"I know that money is tight in the state, but the legislature and the governor should have dealt with it before we came to school, but they were more worried about getting elected. Billing students is dumb. I bet a lot of people won't pay it."

And D'Andre Jones, sophomore biology thinks students are likely to suffer.

"We've got too many people and not enough money. And when they start talking about cutting money, what they're really talking about is cutting out students. We're going to pay more and get less."

STAND funded by three year grant

STAND: From A1

lot of the Panhellenic ladies agreed with it, but I can't speak for all of them."

Athletic Director Terry Wanless agreed with the proposals.

"My understanding is that smoking is only allowed around the stadium, but not in the stands," Wanless said. "But I certainly support what these students are doing."

Fresno State University recently passed the resolution to make their campus smoke free effective next year.

STAND is funded by a three-year grant through the American Lung Association.

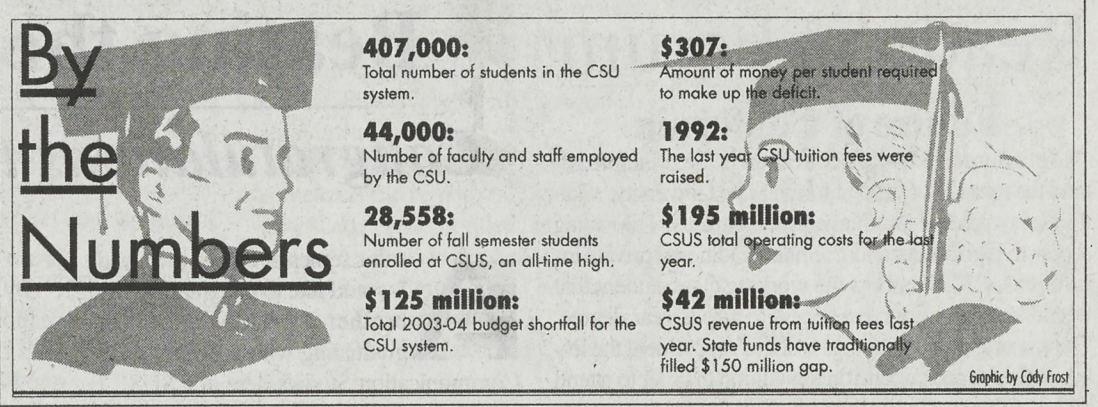
"After the three years are up we will be re-evaluated to see if we still need the funding on this campus," Snokes said.



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Smokers might have to light up elsewhere.

According to the STAND fact sheet, 16 of the 23 CSU campuses are currently enforcing policies greater than the state law.



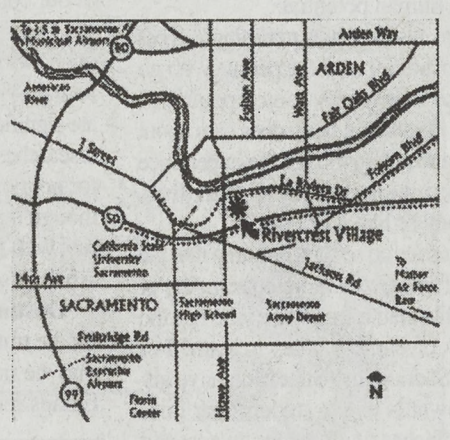
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"Why do I need to tell some joker in black that I want to spend my life with a woman."

Sukeo Tacker, A8

History provides a lesson

According to chancellor Charles Reed, "There are immense challenges ahead for the California State University. This year is a problem, but next year could be a catastrophe."

With the California State budget's shortfall of $125 million, the CSU board of Trustees will undergo a retroactive decision that will impact student fees for those who have already registered for classes. Consequently, CSU students might be looking at a 10-15 percent-fee hike per student for the Spring 2003 semester. This means each student, in addition to normal fees, will receive a bill for about $100. If students are receiving financial aid, the extra fees will only be covered by state aid and not federal aid.

FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE

All involved in this situation must look at history.

In1992, CSU and UC schools experienced a similar fee hike due to the state's budgetary crisis and 15,000 students dropped out because the fee increase was too high. One problem is nearsighted legislation. When new legislatures are elected into office, they plan the budget for only one year to suit their term periods rather than planning it to benefit the people in the long run.

As representatives of the students, we look to our student government organizations, ASI and CSSA, to study the past and predict the future. As budgetary woes have always plagued the CSU system, ASI and CSSA must make budgetary concerns their top priority even when things are good, since it affects the students most drastically.

Since elected officials have done nothing to avoid a budget crisis, we have gone from surplus to deficit over night. If tuition had been raised incrementally within the last 10 years, the budget crisis would have been relieved with smaller increases and avoid an alarming deficit that might force some students out of school.

For the students, we can only hope for a fair balance between choosing what programs we cut, and how much we are willing to spend. Surely, with a fee increase that is so high, some students might be forced into seeking higher education elsewhere, or not at all.

Forum:

A look back at the fall semester

When looking back on this semester, the writers and I thought that we would give you a glimpse into our side of things, allowing you to see a little of what it takes to produce a student run paper.

The end of the semester jumped out on me like a black cat on a poorly lit street. Just when I finally settled into the job of Forum Editor, I'm facilitating our last meeting! This semester was on one hand, pretty quiet. No planes crashed into a national landmark, and school shootings and people going postal has been at a comfortable low.

Here on campus, we had some armed robbers take off with some stuff, a lot of Hondas broken into or stolen, and the football team making fools of themselves. One of the biggest incidents was **coach Volek** getting fired.

While the rest of the world seems to be going a little crazy, or annoyingly fascinated with terrible things, Sacramento State cruises on with little interruption. Really, we are so blessed to attend such a safe place at this time.

On the other hand, being Forum Editor meant that I was doing a lot of new things. We recognized the power of our words when we criticized the food establishments on campus. Oh, boy, talk about "Don't bite the hand that feeds you!" Seriously, it made me realize that I must take the words that I speak, and especially those I write seriously, for the impacts may be quite different than expected.

Additionally, I had an awakening about the dramatic difference of writing styles. I have much more compassion now for professors when they complain about the end of the semester term papers-by the time this is published I will have attempted to edit roughly 70 600-word columns. This in itself is one of the best parts, due to the diversity of our column staff.

All of our writers strive to produce work that will be interesting and provide points that they feel are significant. Each one interviews, researches and writes their column for no monetary compensation; although the experience is just like a job, with the same level of responsibilities and consequences.

Dustin Diaz constantly strives for the truth of the matter, even if it may be uncomfortable to look at. Emails responding to his columns have incinerated my inbox.

Sukeo Tacker loves women, and yet he has fired-up quite a few with his social critiques. He is never too shy to point out inequality and hypocracy.

Shonda Swilley, as one of the few female columnists, provided a refreshing look at issues facing women and people of color. She has a sharp eye for what people are thinking about.

Jason Okamoto is in a league of his own. When I read his work it's like sitting on Mars, listening to Kraftwerk and laughing. And I mean that in the best way.

Tying into a common theme of columns of this year, we have a very ethnically, racially, culturally (pick your adjective) diverse group. I'm the whitest one of them, with the rest showing some of the diversity that we see every day on campus. I'm pleased to note this, for it was one of my goals to open up the Forum section to a wide range of viewpoints.



Samantha Hinrichs
Forum Editor

We have covered alien interventions, the behavior of **Jesus**, justice thwarted by race, why we should go to war and why we shouldn't. **Associated Students, Inc.**, the **Athletic Department**, the **Department of Defense** and the **President of the United States** have all been attacked and admired by our section; representing the ideas and arguments that we hear outside the walls of the Hornet.

This looks to be my last time editing the Forum section, as I am off to study abroad, and by the way,that is something you should all do while still in college. But you'll hear more about that when I send my columns from Australia next year.

*Samantha Hinrichs learned how to knit this last weekend. Email her at **forum@statehornet.com**. Any feedback can be posted at **www.statehornet.com**.*

Readers' Forum

Future of California

An affordable college education is the principle behind the mission of the California State University. California has made a commitment to its citizens of providing access to higher education. Unlike traditional private institutions, CSUS harbors the working class student that would normally not have access to a four year degree. The majority of our students work to supplement the living expenses and depend on low tuition in order to attend CSUS. The quality and access of our institution is now being questioned.

The Chancellor of the CSU system has called for a special meeting on the first day of finals week to recommend an increase in student fee that will be effective this upcoming semester. Our undergraduate students should face a 10% increase in tuition and our graduate students should also expect a 15% increase along with a 59.6 million dollar mid-year budget cut for the CSU effective immediately.

It is unfortunate that the leaders of the CSU have decided to schedule a special meeting during finals when students are extremely unavailable to express their concerns.

The CSU student body presidents and I met at the CSSA Board of Directors meeting in San Francisco this past weekend to address this issue and are asking for the support of all students and faculty. Chico State and Sac State in conjunction with the California State Student Association will be organizing a bus to transport any interested student to the Chancellors Office in Long Beach for a peaceful demonstration to oppose the student fee proposal. For more information please contact the Associated Students at (916) 278-6784.

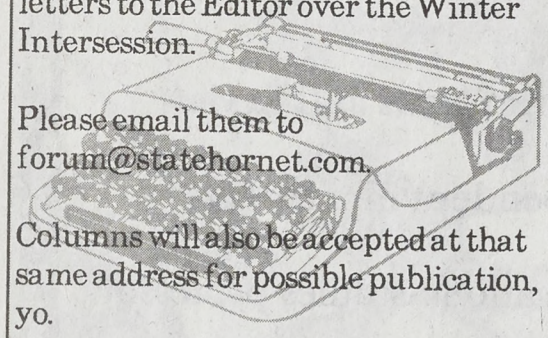
Let's fight for an affordable education.

Eric Guerra
President, Associated Student Inc.

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Please email them to forum@statehornet.com.

Columns will also be accepted at that same address for possible publication, yo.



Beating the system

Congratulations to graduates

As this semester comes to an end I would like to congratulate my brother Travis Okamoto for graduating with a Bachelors in Communication Studies here at CSUS. I would also like to congratulate everybody else who is graduating before me, not simply because these people will be freed from scantrons and unpadded chair/desks. And not just because they may or may not be on their way to make a lot of cash. I offer my congratulations on their victory. They beat the system. Or at least they can play the game, which is more than I can say for myself.

I am not really a student at Sacramento State; I just do my best to act like one. Thank you all for setting an example. Just the other day I was practicing my craft while sitting and waiting to talk to an advisor. "So this is all there is to it?" I thought just before I was called to center stage.

They will be freed from unpadded chair-desks

Although things may seem perfectly fine from the outside, I can feel the institute working on my primitive mind. Shifting and tangling my inner machinery, like a prison might effect a prisoner. How many times have you heard or asked, "So when you getting outta here?"

I am always tempted to respond "Me and Crooked Jack are busting outa here at twelve, while everyone is distracted by the nooner. You can be the lookout. We're escaping through the secret passage where Howe meets Fair Oaks. So, you in or out?"

Over time this campus has become a modest home away from home (home for me being only fifteen minutes away) but it does kind of resemble a prison, in that there is no sign of life for miles around.

By far the wickedest, and more recent, invention of this establishment is the Bachelor's Degree Application. You know, the one that must be filed a year before you graduate. This must be what it's like for a star athlete to sign a binding contract with a mediocre team, except we are the ones who are paying. So why does it exist? To keep us from playing for other teams with championship potential. Not that I aspire or deserve to be anywhere else, but there are some who might feel the need to move or retire early.



Jason Okamoto
State Hornet

I can really go on for days about this cold, sterile, and manipulative environment that we call school and how it keeps us from reaching our full human potential.

However, it is important to distinguish between the institution and the people who go here. Unlike some of my contemporaries, I believe that the student body does care about going here and acknowledge the experience as being an important part of their lives (whether they or like it or not).

I would never go so far to assume that the goals that I have set are more outstanding or commendable than anyone else who has the guts to walk on campus ready to learn. For that, I love Sacramento State, and have admiration towards every student that goes here. Best wishes to all the graduates, and for everyone else, enjoy the leave, I mean break.

*Jason Okamoto is looking forward to life without scantrons and the opressive, souless machine called school. Email him at **forum@statehornet.com** or put your feedback at **www.statehornet.com**.*

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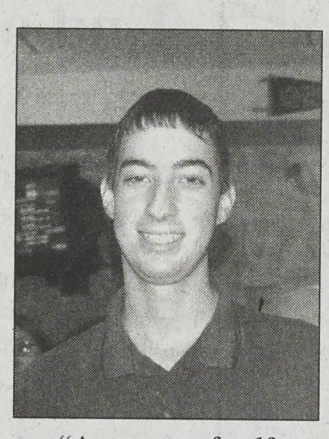
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What do you want for Christmas?

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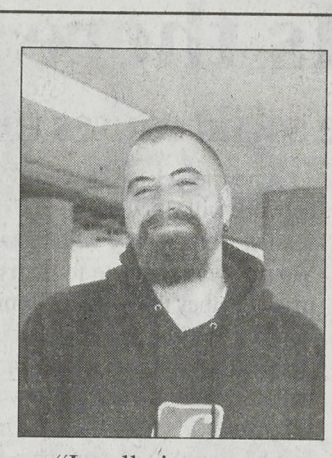
"A new set of golf clubs."

Adam Slavin
Business
Freshman



"My two front teeth. Oh wait, I got those last Christmas."

Ashley Tapia
Undeclared
Freshman



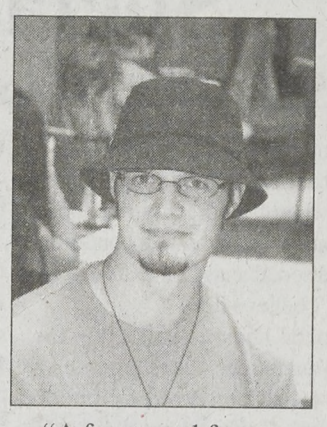
"I really just want a break."

BJ Shaw
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Beer: The healthy sports drink

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Anheuser-Busch's (AB) recent campaign to market their new product has given the drink a special appeal for those who work hard and exercise daily, to maintain their body shape at an optimum level…just like Gatorade.

In their commercials, I was completely convinced it was an advertisement for a sports drink except when they mentioned that the beverage they were selling was beer.

In a recent analysis of the AB's new beverage, Industrypages.com states that "Michelob Ultra will join a flurry of food and beverage products designed to appeal to a more health-conscious consumer."

Michelob Ultra has 2.9 grams of carbohydrates and 96 calories for each 12-ounce serving compared to most other beers that average about 150-200 calories. Even most light beers, which is basically Michelob Ultra, contain 100-120 calories on average. In essence, Michelob ultra has copied the cigarette industry when they decided to not only come out with "lights," but also "ultra-lights," such as when Marlboro introduced Marlboro Ultra-lights in 1997. However, AB's recent establishment of Michelob Ultra is the first to reach "ultra" status in the malt beverage market.

The problem is, no matter how light a beer is; it still can't be that healthy.

When light beer debuted in the 1970s, beer companies tried -- but failed -- to market it as diet beer. According to AB's marketing analysts, they concluded, "That's not what beer is all about. If you wanted to go on a diet, you don't drink beer."



Dustin Diaz
State Hornet

So Stan, what's the plan now? How are we going to market Ultra as a healthy beer? Oh, I got a great idea! Let's go with the whole sports drink idea…like Gatorade! Besides, why drink salty water when you can have beer!

By now, the ad has every collegiate athlete begging their coaches to take them out for a nice cold one after their competitions.

Come on, they even have an ad in *Runners World* magazine for crying out loud!

So what's the real message here? When someone goes out and runs six miles they should return home, sit in front of the tube while sweating all over the couch and throw back a few Ultra's? Although that sounds like a great plan to me, I'm sure it's not healthy. What's next?

Maybe this proves why football and beer go together after all? Not just for the fans, but the athletes too. It would have been great to see Joe Montana tip off his Coors Light just minutes before a game.

Hell, why don't we just put a fully stocked bar at the finish line of a marathon as an incentive for American runners to finally beat the Kenyans.

Maybe the Miller Mile might become an Olympic event within the next decade or so. Even sometimes now I wonder if AB is using former Sacramento Kings player Jason Williams as a test subject during actual play.

All-in-all, I have no objections to drinking beer.

But if you're a serious athlete training for greatness, I would adviseyou to stay away from the malt club, and drink something that you know is healthy.

Otherwise, if you've joined the Rec-League for kicks, have at it! And while you're out, can you grab me a case of Corona?

Email Dustin Diaz at ***forum@statehornet.com.***

Getting to the graduation finish line

The semester is finally winding down. Projects, papers, and finals loom ahead and all the work of the past four months is coming together. Our professors will judge us by the fruits of our labor. And then these judgments will lead us toward the ultimate goal of college, graduation. The reasons that people go to college vary. Some return to polish up on skills that they use in their careers, some attend because of their parents' wishes, and some just follow that natural progression in life, high school and then college. Either way, for all cases graduation is the finish line.

The moment that graduation becomes real can be both exhilarating and very scary. "When I filled out my petition for graduation is when it really hit me that I was almost done," said recent graduate Bernadine Schultz. "It was a sense of relief and uncertainty about the future."

The last semester before graduating can be a time of excitement but it also can be the worst semester of all. Although the finish line is in within sight, it can be torture writing those last papers, taking those last tests and completed the last requirements necessary. "My last semester has been hell. It is a struggle just to get everything done. I guess I just have that senior laziness thing," said senior Stacia Young.



Shonda Swilley
State Hornet

It would seem that getting up to go to class wouldn't be such a big deal anymore after numerous semesters of having to do it. Fulfilling requirements, working an internship, passing the WPE, these are all accomplishments to be proud of and all are necessary evils of graduation.

The necessary tasks can seem so much more tedious when the end is near. Try writing an original paper when you know the bare minimum will get you through, or staying up to study for a test that you know

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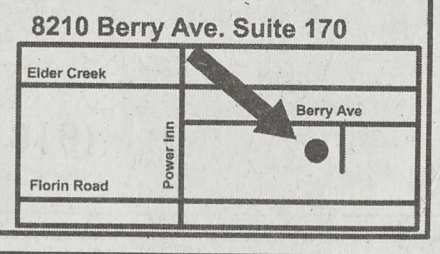
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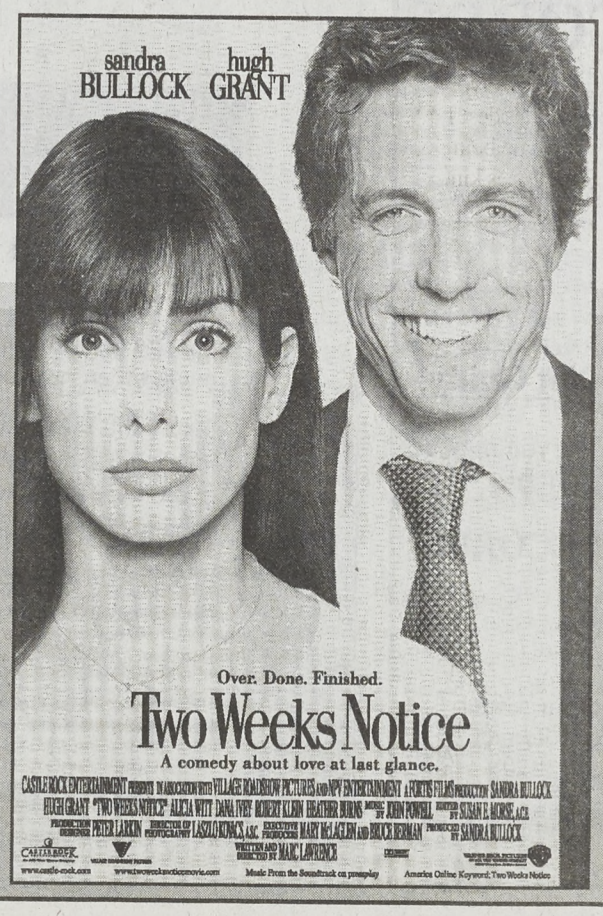
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Social angst: Is there hope?

Sukeo Tacker looks at some of the social causes that create anxiety

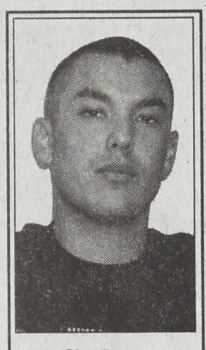
I have to apologize to every reader for sounding upset when I report or write about an issue. I have a condition called social angst, or so I've been told. I believe it.

Social angst is defined as an acute but unspecific feeling of anxiety; usually reserved for philosophical anxiety about the world or about personal freedom. How could anyone not have some sort of social angst?

There are still some people who don't say "thank you" when you hold the door open for them. There are women who think the man should pay and there are men who think they should never. We all have had a teacher who doesn't teach. Whatever the angst may be, it is apparent by the facial expressions on the students we pass by everyday.

What is to blame for this disease? Is it the quest for cash, or our searches for relationships or our faith in religion?

We are told to go to school, get a job, buy a house. Man, that could take me my whole lifetime! Meanwhile, some are getting rich quick without an education; doing pyramid scams and selling drugs. Some families are able to keep breeding the wealthy. We can't help but to think about money and buying, because that is all that's being advertised. Is social angst caused by the American dream for success and money? Society tells us marriage is a natural step in life. We can thank couples of the last half-century for failing the institution of marriage.



Sukeo Tacker
State Hornet

With a 50/50 drop-out to pass ratio, couples are constantly disappointing each other, in the name of love and religion. Get married nowadays? Hell no! Why do I need to tell some joker in black at an altar under death personified on a cross, that I want to spend the rest of my life with a woman? Is there any justification to pronounce, "love" in that way, besides there is the everlasting potential of divorce. All these fake television relationships show us that we are in dire need of a love that cannot be shown in a movie, on T.V., or written down in words. I'm surprised that belief in love still exists.

A new television show on Fox network will show us the true obsession women have with money. Women will compete to marry a man who they think is a multi-millionaire. In reality, the bachelor is a $19,000 a-year man. The show will also highlight the shallow attempt to deceivingly lure a girl into bed by lying about how phat his wallet is. I hope he gets laid by all of them.

Does religion's social pressure to conform create personal anxiety? Religion continues to be a catalyst for a struggle of money and power, when real starvation is only affecting the unfortunate and poor. Of course it creates anxiety! Followers are being led down a fiery path and continue to follow. I hope that in the least, they are a little nervous.

An old religion has been lying dormant for thirty years and it needs some revitalization. "Spread love" has been forgotten, while the most powerful holy faiths lead us to extinction. We practice religion ass-backwards.

Is it the prowess of the political machinery that creates your social angst? The shaping political views by the donkeys and elephants have split the nation into two. Voting is still somehow rigged and unfair, jobs are scarce, and we're going back to war.

Social angst has hooked me, and I can't release myself from the line pulling me in. The world isn't perfect, and I'm stumped by the fact that most think everything will be all right, if we believe and have faith.

Is there hope? This was a year of remembrance. What do you remember? If it's something bad, then the media has done its job. It has portrayed our attitudes toward each other. It has mirrored our murders, fires, wars, and occasionally bored us with stories community hope in the form of renaming parks, and profiling charitable organizations. A year of remembrance. What should we remember?

We've had the opportunity to create a decent world but have made bad decisions. We can do what the books tell us and remember our history. It can continue to haunt us as we relive catastrophes, and gain new information on how to create bigger ones. Or we can have hope a for change. I choose hope. Peace.

Sukeo Tacker is quite charming in person. Email him at ***forum@statehornet.com.***

End of school slump, give yourself a break

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you can pass without really studying.

Even those who started out striving to get the best grades can sometimes come to a point where they don't even care about the grade as long as they pass.

Passing to graduate is maybe not the ideal, but can be appealing when you know you're almost done.

It's not about not caring, it's more of an all-out burnout.

For seniors who do care about school, making your mark is not the most important thing anymore.

Getting as far as your last semester is a mark in itself. Basically this is a get out of jail free pass.

It's okay to feel burned-out, it's alright to be lazy when you're at the end.

Don't bother beating yourself up because coming this far means something. It means that you are on your way to your future and a little goofing off at the end is allowed.

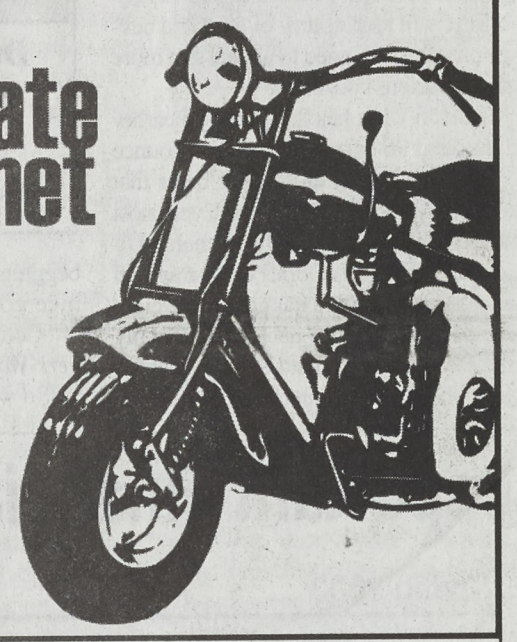
Just make sure you've gotten there, if by any means necessary.

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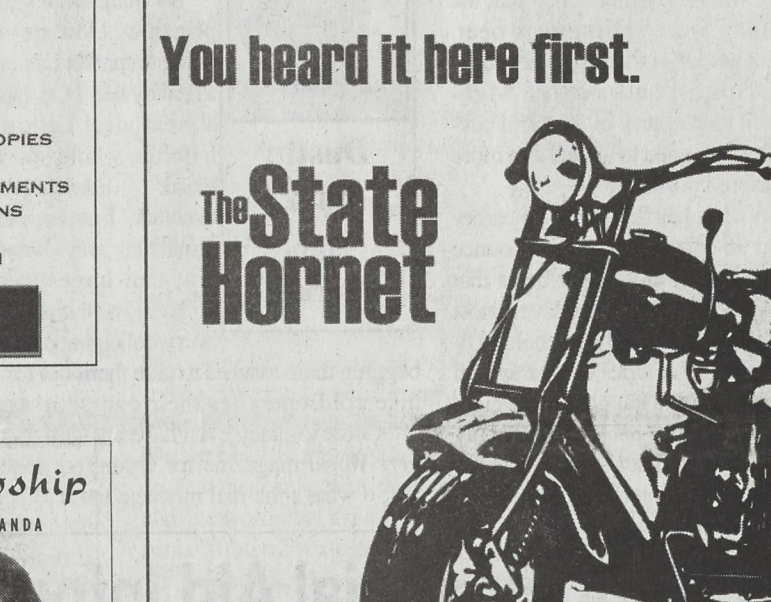
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TEAM OF THE WEEK

The Hornet men's basketball team went 2-0 this week, while snapping a 39-game road losing streak with a win at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

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STAT OF THE WEEK

The Hornet volleyball team's 3-0 loss to Stanford last Friday night drops their all-time record in the NCAA Tournament to 1-5.

On the road to success

Freeman provides strong play off bench

KEVIN KURTZ
State Hornet

He may still be adjustingto college life, but freshman point guard DaShawn Freeman is already making a big impact on the Sacramento State men's basketball program.

Head coach Jerome Jenkins heavily recruited Freeman from basketball powerhouse Saint Mary's High School in Berkeley, and believes he will be a key factor in helping turn around the Hornet program.

"We were fortunate to get him," Jenkins said. "He is going to be something special for the Hornets. I was the only one on my staff to recruit Freeman because I wanted him to know how valuable he was. I wanted him to know that I wanted him to run the ship."

This weekend the Sac State basketball team ended their three-year 39-game road losing streak with a 73-66 victory over Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo on Saturday night.

After the Hornets led by 23 points at halftime, the Mustangs closed within two points of snatching the lead, with less than four minutes remaining.

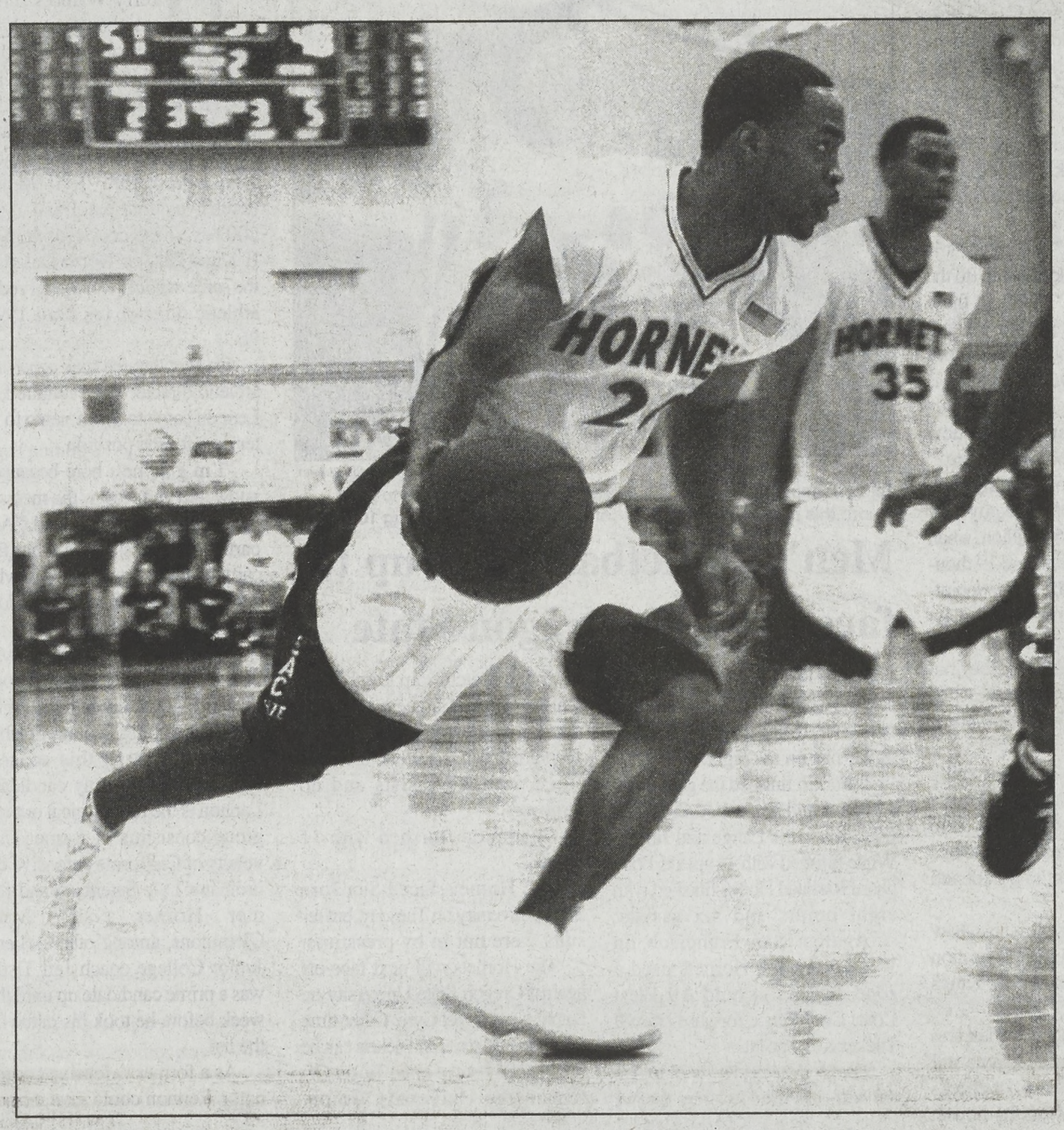
With a 62-57 win over the University of San Francisco on Wednesday night, the Hornets are currently riding a two-game winning streak.

"We play with a lot of heart and there is a lot of character on this team," Jenkins said. "Our guys feel like they can play with any team in the country. I'm really proud of them."

Starting the season with a 3-3 record, the team has already shown definite improvement from last season when the squad finished 9-19.

Despite their difficult travel schedule, the last two road trips have given new life to the basketball team. The team has shown that they can compete with nationally ranked

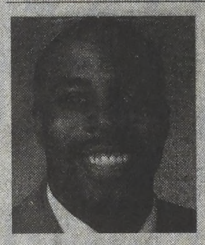
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DaShawn Freeman, a freshman point guard from Saint Mary's High School in Berkeley, Calif., currently leads the Hornets with 26 assists and 17 steals, while averaging 6.7 points over the Hornets' first six games.

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Sac State 73
Cal Poly 66



Jerome Jenkins
Hornet Coach

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Center provides Champion-like performance

NICHOLAS LOZITO
State Hornet

When he arrived onto the Sacramento State campus three years ago, Tony Champion, who weighed 330 pounds at the time, was nicknamed "Big Tony" by Hornet head coach Jerome Jenkins.

After dropping 70 pounds, Champion, now a junior, was a key factor in the Hornets' (3-3) 73-66 victory at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo Saturday night. The win snapped a 39-game road-losing streak for the Hornets, which dated back to a 1999 victory at the University of Nevada.

Champion led Sac State with 14 points, breaking his previous career high of 11, which he set three days earlier in a 62-57 win over the University of San Francisco at Hornet Gym.

"Tony's coming along at the pace I thought he'd come along at," Jenkins said. "Right now it is just about consistency."

The Hornet center attributes much of his success to a strenuous off-season regiment.

"Working out in the off-season, playing against pro players down in the Bay Area has helped out a lot," Champion said. "I got stronger in the off-season. I stayed in the weight room about six days a week, ran on the track over the summer in the hot weather, and it all translates onto the court."

Against Cal Poly, the Hornets used a 21-1 run to open up a 45-22 halftime lead.

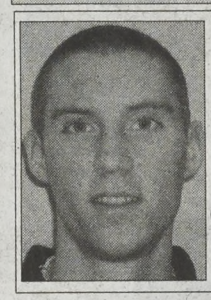
"That was probably the most solid half of basketball I've had while at Sacramento State," Jenkins said.

The Mustangs would claw back in the second half, closing the lead to 64-62 with 3:53 remaining in the game. After shooting 54 percent from the field in the first half, the Hornets shot a meager 29 percent in the second half.

Forward Derek Lambeth made four free throws down the stretch to

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Men's Basketball



Jimmy Spencer
Sports Columnist

Welcome to Sac State:

Here is your guide to the 2002 Sacramento State Hornets

Sac State basketball has a lot to compete with: quick drives to Tahoe, the Kings, Madden 2003, and of course those nonstop re-runs of The Simpsons and Seinfeld.

Not much beats a Ralph Wiggum one-liner or a George Costanza predicament, but if you're like me, a classic American dude, you'll enjoy an opportunity to see those last amateurs in sports — your very own Sacramento State men's basketball team.

The 2002-03 Hornets have character. Each member of the Hornets has their own distinct persona and style of play. Together they form a cohesive group that plays hard and has fun doing so. In case you haven't already found out for yourself, here are the top ten reasons to go see the Hornets in action:

1. They are better than you think. It's time for all of you to admit it, just because you played varsity basketball in high school doesn't mean your mediocre skills could earn you a roster spot with the Hornets. You are nowhere close to their level of play. So for those of you not on the team, please stop telling people you are a redshirt and will be playing next year.

2. A few things you'll never see: a beer commercial revealing what drunk girls actually look like on nights out, a Hornet football player running out of cooking spray, or Hornet head coach Jerome Jenkins sitting down during a game. Jenkins is constantly in the official's ears, stomping the sidelines, or slapping high fives with players. His upbeat style of coaching is re-

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And the streak goes on...



Sarah Craig (left) takes the women's basketball team's 42-game losing streak personally. The freshman guard has said she wants to give the Hornets the respect they deserve. She is currently leading the team with 17.3 points per game, but the 0-5 Hornets have yet to pick up a win.

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Hornet volleyball ousted from first round

Sac State loses in opening round of NCAA Tourney

VINCE ADVERSALO
State Hornet

The season came to an end on Friday for the Sacramento State women's volleyball team. Sac State was defeated by Stanford University in the first round of the Div. I National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament in Palo Alto, Calif.

The Hornets lost the match 3-0, (30-22, 30-8, 30-17) to bring their final season record to 24-11 and dropping their all-time Div. I NCAA tournament record to 1-5.

Stanford led Sac State in almost every category, dominating them in kills (50-31), hitting percentage (.350-.052) and blocks (10.0-1.0). No Hornets reached double figures in kills and only senior outside hitter Jayme Wright recorded double figures in digs, with 14.

"We knew that this would be tough," Hornet head coach Debby Colberg said. "We knew it would be a challenge. Stanford is one of volleyball's elite."

Sac State led the first game 3-1 before two errors and a Stanford ace gave the Cardinal the lead at 4-3. Stanford went on a 10-2 run later in the game to lead 22-13 and eventually take the win.



Debby Colberg
Hornet Coach

"We were competitive in the first game," Colberg said. "But once one person cracked, we were like dominoes. We had some big plays later in the match, but they never led to anything."

The second game was all Stanford. The Hornets jumped out to a 4-1 lead, but Stanford outplayed them again, going on a 25-1 run of their own. Sac State's hitting percentage crashed to a miserable -.244, and they committed 15 errors while managing only five kills.

"Our passing began to falter in the second game and that just made everything worse," Colberg said.

Stanford led the third game from wire-to-wire, and while Sac State raised its hitting percentage to .108,

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Jayme's Journal

Editor's Note: In her last game as a Hornet, Jayme Wright recorded a team-high 14 digs in a three-set loss to Stanford University in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Fourth Entry

This is the hardest journal to write. I can't write about how practice is going, or how excited I am for an upcoming match. Reality has finally been allowed to hit me – I am done playing for Sac State. I have held in these emotions, for fear that they would get in the way of my playing.

After I played Stanford, my emotions overcame me and I cried without shame. I started to realize that this was "it". No longer would I get my ankles taped by Lois (Mattice). No longer would (assistant coach) Weidi (Zhang) say, "No matter! Have fun, jump high!" No longer would (head coach) Debby (Colberg) look at me and say, "C'mon, Work hard!" No longer would (assistant coach) Ruben (Volta) tell me, "Jayme, you're the best player in the nation," in order to get my confidence up.



Jayme Wright
Outside Hitter

It was over, and everything that I was experiencing was soon going to be just a memory. I have to admit, it's been the best four years of my life. My fondest memories go far and beyond the championships. I've realized how much I've matured as a player and a person, and I've realized how much my team is like family to me.

Partly because of my coach, Debby (Colberg), I have matured into the person and player that I am. Ever since the day I started playing here, Debby has put more pressure on my skills than any of the other girls on our team. I never understood why she always expected more out of me, but now I know. She always wanted to see me do better.

I think she realized that the only way I would ever succeed was if I did it on my own. She knew that my success depended on the effort that I put into my work and I respect

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Hooked on Hornets



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Hornet guard DaShawn Freeman

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sponsible for the energetic and charismatic Hornets.

3. A dunk electrifies a crowd. At Sac State we have big time athletes, such as Jimmy White and Tony Champion, who look to dunk as often as they can. Enough said.

4. Chris Lange. The second-year freshman from New Mexico should have his picture in the dictionary next to the word spirited. Not a minute goes by when this guy isn't thinking about where he is going to get his next high-five or chest-bump.

If it were up to me, Lange would be invited to every party ever thrown. I wonder what the Las Vegas over/under would be for the amount of times Lange yells, "Let's go" in a game – 250? 400?

5. Hitting targets with a huge slingshot or drilling a half court shot could earn you a gift certificate to your favorite local restaurant. What says big-spender more than whipping out one of these on a first date? Then the story of how you got this fabulous prize… Wow, could you imagine!

6. DaShawn Freeman. The first-year freshman out of the Bay Area is the future of the Hornets. Like a new pair of sneakers, he is becoming more comfortable every game.

7. Tony Champion. Coach Jenkins calls his 6-foot-10 junior the "Baby-Shaq" of the Big Sky. Truly entertaining to watch (As seen to the right).

8-10. Rashaad Hooks, Jimmy White, and Derek Lambeth. The three veteran seniors are the heart of this Hornet team.

Lambeth said, "as a senior it is important to offer leadership (to the younger players)." Without these three, the Hornets are like a brand new Lexus without one of those enormous gift bows. Everything is cheapened.

Have you heard of that new show on Fox, "Joe Millionaire?" The one where about 15 girls compete for the love of some guy they all think is worth $50 million, when in reality he only makes $19 thousand a year. Talk about disappointment. Don't allow our Hornet players to be met with that same disillusionment every time they run into a silent Hive, where they had expected support from their fellow students.

Coach Jenkins suggests going out to watch their games. "You're going to have a fun time, and you're going to have an exciting time that will make you want to go out and party afterwards."

They are waiting to put on a show for you. Put down the Playstation controller and turn off the Kings game.

It's time to check out the last amateurs. Go take part in a game still driven by true passion, not checkbooks. This one is on the house.

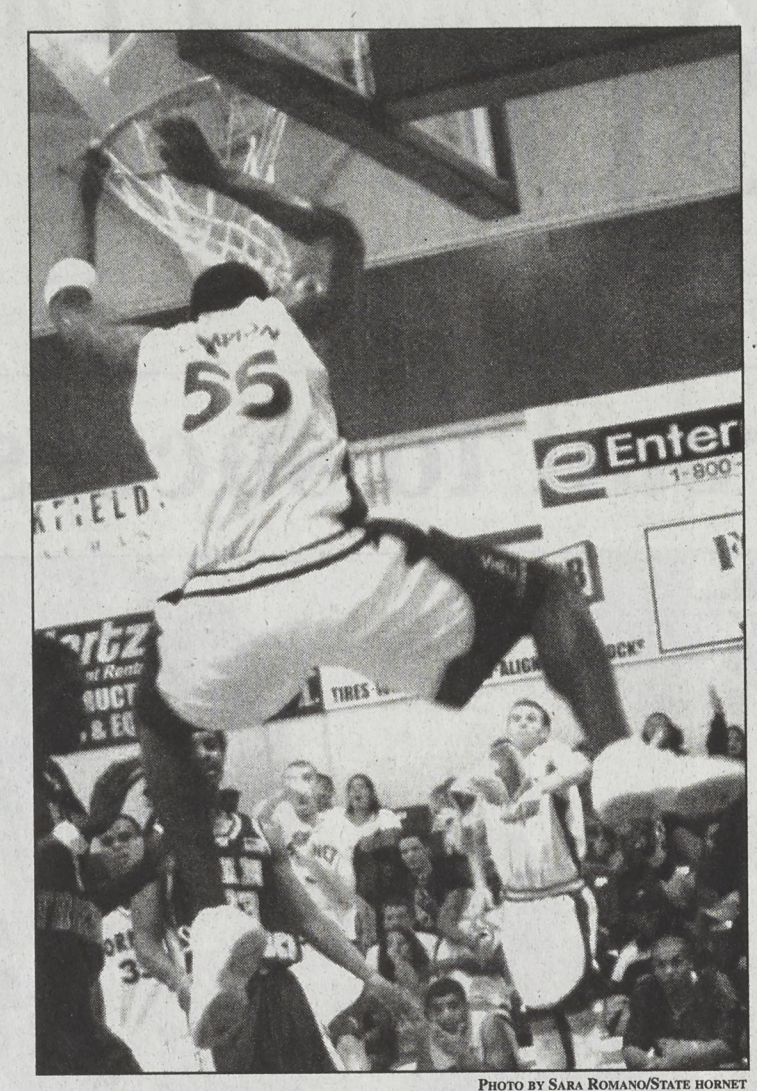


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Tony Champion's improved play helped elevate the Hornets to a 2-0 record this past week. The junior center is currently averaging 10 points.

Men's basketball gears up to face Pac-10's Oregon State

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seal the win for Sac State. The Hornets shot 16-for-24 from the free throw line on the night.

Lambeth finished the game with 12 points and nine rebounds, while forwards Chris Lange and Jimmy White finished with 11 apiece. Point guard Rashaad Hooks finished with eight points and six assists.

Against San Francisco on Wednesday, the Hornets used a zone defense to hold All-West Coast Conference forward Darrell Tucker to 16 points.

The Hornets held a 26-25 lead at the half, and used key free throws down the stretch from Lambeth to seal the victory. Lambeth and Freeman led the Hornets in scoring with 13 points each. Freeman also finished with six assists and no turnovers.

Champion finished with 11 points.

The Hornets faced San Jose State University on Tuesday, but results were not in by presstime.

The Hornets will next face-off against Oregon State University on Saturday at Hornet Gym. Game time is set for 7:05 p.m., and tickets can be bought early at the main Ticket Office in the University Union.

Lennon leads short list of football coach candidates



Nicholas Lozito

Sports Columnist

Hornet Athletic Director Terry Wanless might not need to comb the nation in search of former football coach John Volek's successor. The next Hornet football coach could be right in his old backyard.

The coach is Dale Lennon, who served from 1990-96 as a defensive coordinator and 1999-2002 as a head coach for the Div. II University of North Dakota – the same school Wanless served as athletic director for from 1990-96.

On Monday, the head coach and athletic director were reunited, as Lennon came to Sacramento to interview for the position.

"I'm glad he's here because I know him and I know the message he will bring," Wanless said. "And part of that message is what this campus needs to hear, about what it takes to be a champion. He's done that. He's been there."

In 2001, Lennon won a Div. II National Championship and compiled a 14-1 record with the Fighting Sioux. North Dakota finished with a 5-6 mark this season.

While not the only candidate, Lennon is the most logical out of a group consisting of former University of California defensive coordinator Lyle Setencich and former Hornet coach Mike Clemmons, among others. Sierra Junior College coach Jeff Tisdel was a prime candidate up until this week before he took his name off the list.

As a former defensive coordinator, Lennon could give a boost to a Hornet defense this season, which finished last in the conference, allowing 31.7 points per game.

"Defense I do feel wins championships," Lennon said. "Any time you have a good defensive unit you're going to be in every game that you play."

As a head coach, he could bring a discipline to a team which saw six players suspended last season.

Whichever coach does succeed Volek, he will be the recipient of a talent-laden team, led by quarterback Ryan Leadingham and receiver Fred Amey.

Volek also left behind a Hornet squad that improved their win total by three games this season, while losing several controversial games.

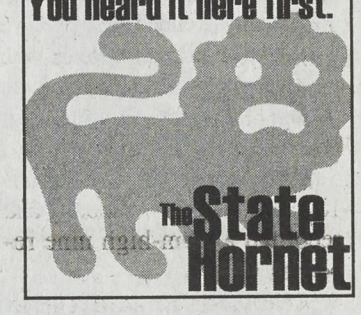
"I'm very impressed with the returning talent within the football team, and I do feel that some immediate success could be in the near future for this team," Lennon said.

Wanless hopes to have his decision made on the next Hornet football coach by Christmas. In the meantime, assistant coaches will handle the recruiting duties.

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This might be the Hornets' best chance to snap their 42-game losing streak.

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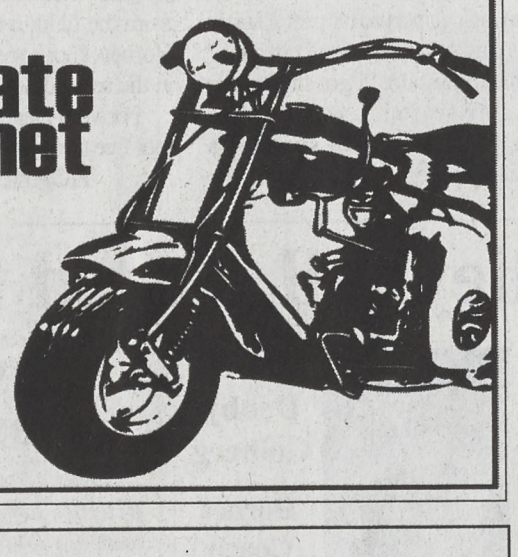
This will mark the beginning of the Hornets' Big Sky schedule.

It's still cheating to use motorcycles while playing soccer.

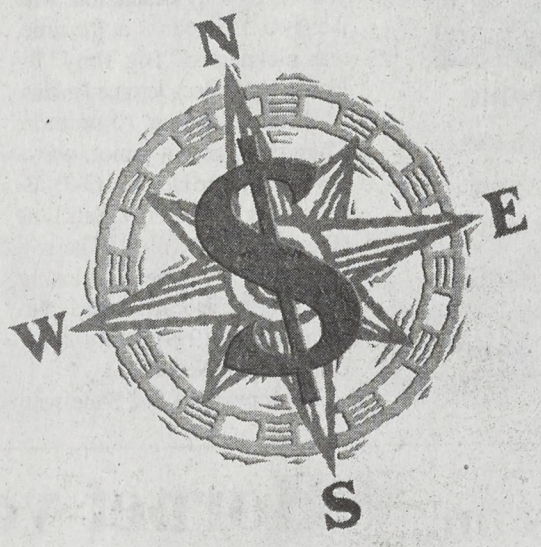
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CSUS *Student* ATHLETE *of the* WEEK



ALI MATHEWSON, Volleyball

Junior outside hitter Ali Mathewson has been named Hornet Bookstore Athlete of the Week for her part in helping the Hornets to their sixth-consecutive Big Sky Conference volleyball championship and the team's fifth appearance at the NCAA Tournament in the last six years. The Redding, Calif., native has appeared in all 34 matches this season and ranks first on the team and fifth in the Big Sky with 29 service aces. Including a career-high 18 digs in a victory over Northern Arizona, the Hornets are 7-1 when she tallies at least 10 digs in a match this year. Mathewson, who is fourth on the team with 214 digs, combined for 26 digs over two matches in the Big Sky Tournament. A kinesiology major with an emphasis on teaching, Mathewson currently has a 3.45 gpa and is on pace to graduate next fall.

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SACRAMENTO STATE HORNETS

Hornets 'closer' to ending streak

Top scorer misses game due to religious obligations

KANNON YAMADA
State Hornet

Although they suffered two losses this week, the Sacramento State women's basketball team proved they were capable of running with the pack.

After trailing by 15 points in the second half against the University of Nevada Wolf Pack on Sunday, the Hornets managed to trim the lead down to five points with just over two minutes remaining.

But Nevada would go on a 13-7 run to escape with a 65-54 victory in Hornet gym, dropping Sac State's record to 0-5.

The loss to Nevada rounded out a 0-2 week for the Hornets. On Friday they dropped a home game against the University of California San Diego, 71-45, but throughout both games the Hornets managed to hang tough.

Against Nevada, Sac State trailed the entire 40 minutes, but remained well within striking distance for much of the contest. The Hornets played without their leading scorer Sarah Craig, who sits out Sunday games because of religious convictions.

"We just needed a spark," guard Sydney Gatson said. "Our team has obviously been playing a little flat lately and we all came out really aggressive. We all wanted it and it showed tonight."

The Wolf Pack hit their first three shots in the match, outscoring the Hornets 7-0 in the first four minutes of play.

Sac State center Kristine Knowlton then responded with a lay-up, putting the Hornets onto the scoreboard for the first time.

Knowlton scored a season high 10 points, on 5-of-7 shooting and recorded a team-high nine rebounds.

Rebounding according to Hornet head coach Carolyn Jenkins, is the critical factor that Sac State needs before they can start winning.

"I haven't had a very good season so far," Knowlton said. "I was just trying to get in the groove, keep the team pumped up, and just get our flow going there.

"(I was) trying to win so hard. It felt like it was our night, but we just couldn't pull it out."

Both teams traded baskets within the first half, until, with 12 minutes remaining, Nevada pulled away with nine unanswered points, giving the Wolf Pack a 12 point lead.

Hornet team captain Diane Peterson immediately responded with a three-pointer, putting Sac State within single digits. A foul on the other end of the court resulted in free-throws for post player Danielle Iceman. She reduced the lead to eight points.



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Hornet freshman Sarah Craig leads the team in scoring average, but has missed two games due to religious obligations.

The Hornets completed the first half trailing by eight points. For Sac State, it was the first home game this season that didn't end the first half with the team down double digits.

After a scoring run by Gatson, the Hornets reduced the deficit to five points with 2:03 remaining. The comeback was capped off with a 3-pointer by Peterson.

Gatson, scored a team high 16 points, contributed a team-high five assists and pulled down seven boards. This was just her second game since returning to the team after a back injury.

"It's just evidence that when I get on the floor I'm going to give my 100 percent regardless (of my injury)," Gatson said. "Passing has always been my strongest point.

"I've always been a point guard and a shooting guard. That's one of my fortes I guess you could say – passing. I work on that a lot."

The Hornets shot 35 percent from the field, and hit a season-high 41.7 percent from three-point land.

"We're getting closer and closer (to winning)," Jenkins said. "I think once we hit that mark and we win, it's just going to snowball for us. They fought with Sarah (Craig) out – it's Sunday. We had people step up."

Against San Diego, the Hornets trailed the entire game, but remained within single digits throughout the first 18 minutes of the contest.

The Hornets managed to hold onto a single digit deficit throughout much of the first half, but fell behind by double digits with 1:37 remaining in the half.

In the second half, the Toreros increased their lead to 24 points, and it never dropped below 18.

"In teams of past, (Sac State has) given up on games like this," San Diego coach Kathy Marpe said. "There was no give up in these kids. I think that definitely the staff has gotten them to turn the corner."

"Our focus was all on half court offensive execution," Jenkins said. "I give our team credit, they came out and focused on that.

"What's killing us right now is our rebounding. Katelyn (Ciampi) did a great job coming back.

She had a tough game the other night, but she had a great game tonight. She really helped us on the inside."

The Hornets were out rebounded 46-36 by the Toreros, and were out-shot 41.5-28.8 percent.

Freshman center Katelyn Ciampi led all scorers with a career-high 15 points, on 6-of-9 shooting.

"She's killing us," Marpe said after Ciampi nailed a lay-up in the second period.

"It doesn't matter about scoring," Ciampi said. "I just go out to play and I'm here for my team. I didn't have a very good game a couple days ago. I told myself that I wasn't going to let that happen again and I just went out and did my best."

The Toreros' dominated the second half, with the Hornets coming no closer than 16 points.

"(When) we get better at rebounding, that's what is going to put us over the top, offensively and defensively," Jenkins said. "Especially on nights when we're not shooting the ball well."

Sac State will hit the road for a game today at the University of Pacific and on Saturday the Hornets will visit the University of California Riverside.

Sac State will host their next home game on Saturday, Dec. 21 against Notre Dame de Namur. Game time is set for 5:00 p.m.

Wright appreciates Colberg's tutelage

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her for that. Although I made her frustrated at times, I feel as though her pressure on me made me a tougher person, and because of that I am not afraid to take life head on.

I've also realized the secret to Debby's success as a coach. Her secret is, the only way you'll be on the court and succeed is through hard work and sheer determination. Her coaching style is, "Find a way to get it done!" If you don't find a way to get it done, then you won't play. I've never worked so hard in my whole life!

I also can't help but reflect on the many memories that I've made with my teammates over the past four years. My team is like family to me. Every year they've been my rock and in return I've been able to be there for them. They've seen me go through every high and low that life has handed me. They've seen me at my most vulnerable times and they've seen me at my happiest times. No matter what life has handed me, my teammates have been by my side encouraging me every step of the way. That's what's so special about our team. We are each other's support, day in and day out.

No matter how many times we watch each other fail, and fail again and again in practice, we are always there to pick each other up. I want to thank my teammates for being by my side through our turbulent season.

I have created bonds with girls on my team that will last a lifetime. Most importantly, I want to thank all of you that have been my support and that have accepted me unconditionally! God has definitely blessed me with good people in my life. Thank you!

Tom tames Sac State

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while Stanford's dropped to it's lowest of the match, at .342.

For Stanford, Logan Tom had a match-high 14 kills. Teammates Oganna Nnamani and Sara McGee supported her with 10 and 11 kills respectively. Tom also had 14 digs to go along with Courtney Shultz's 10 to pace the Cardinal.

With the end of the season comes the opportunity for Colberg to reflect on her team's performance.

"I'm proud of this group," Colberg said. "We started by replacing three players at the beginning of the season. We ended up having one more when we lost Olivia (Thomas) and we replaced them with sophomores and freshmen. We figured we would struggle.

"The team worked hard though. They soaked up all the coaching we had to offer and really improved their quality of play as the season went on."

Sac State's 24 wins this season were the team's most since 1998 when they had 26. Next year, only one starter, Wright, will have to be replaced.

Unfortunately, doing that probably ensures them of nothing but another trip to Palo Alto.

"The best we can do is win the conference title, improve our record and hopefully be ranked and go back to the NCAA's," Colberg said. "Unfortunately, the tournament doesn't seed everyone. It seeds the top teams and everyone gets to play somewhere close to them. For us, that means it's always going to be someone tough."

On guard

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programs, including No. 15-ranked Missouri.

Although Sac State lost to the Tigers 98-60, they were only down by 10 points when the halftime buzzer sounded.

Much of the improvement can be attributed to the new point guard, Freeman, and his aggressive style of play. Against Cal Poly, Freeman led the team with four steals. In his first six games with the Hornets, he has established himself as an integral component of the team.

As of Monday, the 5-foot-11 guard currently leads the Hornets with 26 assists and 17 steals.

As one of the youngest players on an experienced squad, his game has earned much respect from the coaching staff and the older players.

"We can't win without him, and frankly he's still just growing up," Jenkins said. "Each and every game, Freeman is getting better and better."

Against Missouri, Freeman had his work cut out for him as he matched up with one of the best point guards in the country, Ricky Clemons. Freeman's eight assists and five steals made for his best performance of the season.

Freeman may be only a freshman, but he knows that in order to play with the elite players in Div. I, he'll have to continue to work hard and adjust his game.

"In college, you have to grow up fast if you want to be successful," Freeman said.

Lucky for the Hornets, Freeman appears willing and eager to step up his game and provide a needed boost for the Sac State basketball program.

"My goal for this team is to get to the NCAA Tournament," Freeman said. "We first need to win the Big Sky Tournament to accomplish this goal."

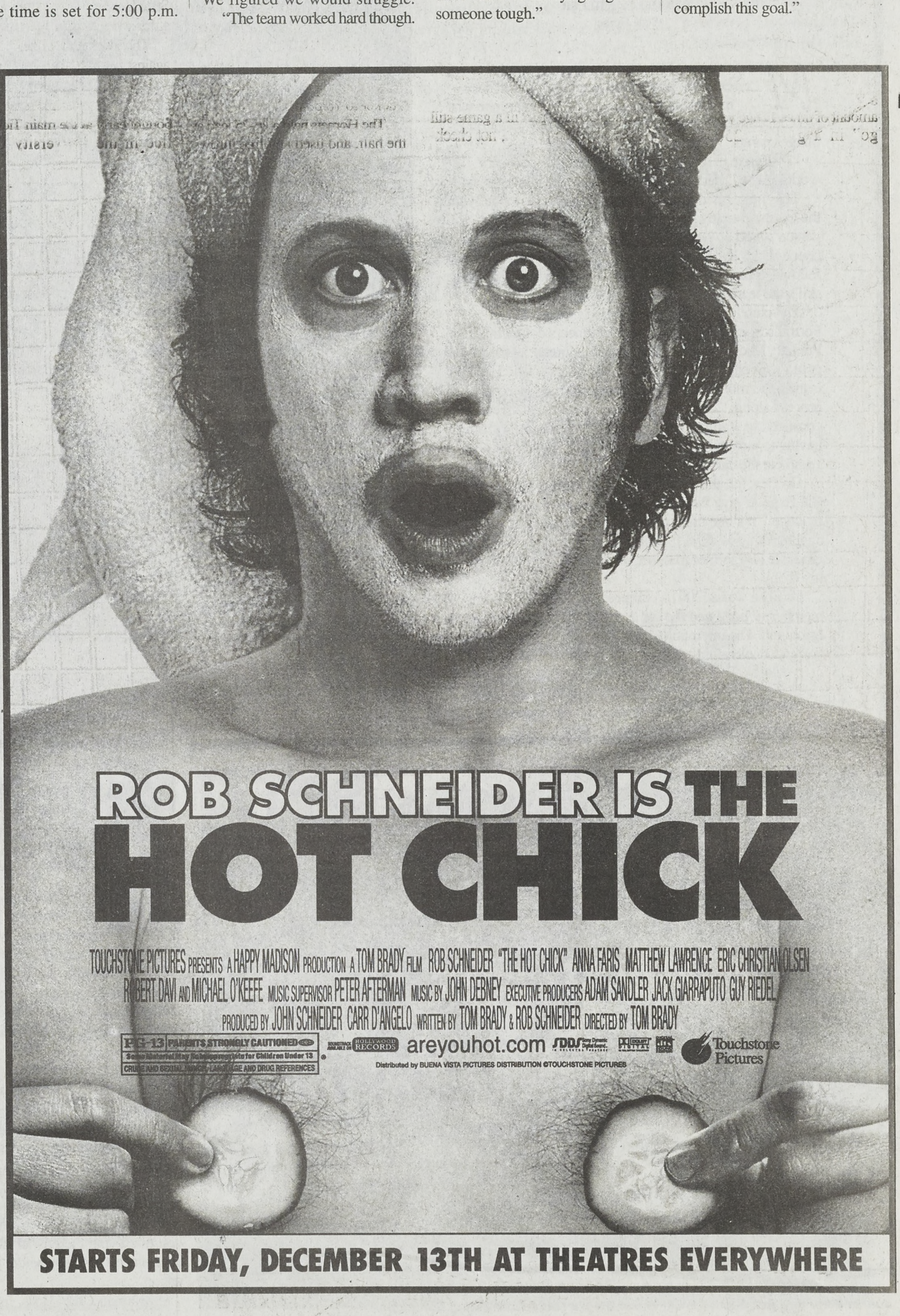


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Best places for Hornets to hang out on campus

MARGARET FRIEDMAN
State Hornet

Where to hang out on a campus of 28,000 students isn't always a choice - you just go where there's room! But even on our crowded campus, a few places hold the popular hangout title. These are places to see and be seen, places crowded with people eating and relaxing with friends.

When the weather is nice, the library quad and River Front Market are popular lunchtime hangouts.

Junior Mason Mitchell and his friends say the river front center is perfect because it's close to food and their classes, and someone is always there to talk to.

"When you see one another, you tend to stop and chat for a little bit," Mitchell said. He is there pretty much every day, "between and during classes."

You are bound to run into friends and classmates in the busy library quad. If you don't, you can always do what Shannon Reagan and Crystal Simpkins do: watch everyone else.

Reagan and Simpkins, both seniors, meet Tuesdays and Thursdays in the library quad to catch up on gossip and people watching. "It's very Feng Shui," Says Reagan of the quad's peaceful fountain and shady benches.

For indoor action, the Union is the most popular place among all groups for almost any activity. Whether you need refuge from the cold, a bite to eat or a nap between classes, the Union has it all.

"If we're not in class, we're here," said Rajan Gonzales and Elaine Daño. They enjoy the couches and comfortable temperature and the fact that food and restrooms are readily available.

Even though he frequents the River Front Market, Mitchell points out that the Union's music room is good to "relax and mellow down."

The second floor of the Union is a popular study spot for serious studying, but it's also known for "pseudo studying," where you say you are going to study but no one really brings their books.

"People at the tables are more serious. The ones on the couches are here to relax," Daño said.

The library is your best bet if you truly want to study. According to Senior Rubin Martinez, the levels of quietness increase as you go upstairs. The fourth floor is a no talking zone.

According to Martinez, the Union is useful for group studying because you can talk without disturbing anyone.

With all the great places to hang out at Sac State, it's tempting to kick back all day. But really, try and go to class once in a while.



PHOTO BY MARGARET FRIEDMAN/STATE HORNET
Crystal Simpkins (left) and Shannon Reagan seek a warm and cozy niche between classes on Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Built for speed

Campus club crafts custom racing car

MICHELLE MILLER
State Hornet

Members of Sacramento State's Hornet Racing Development club were hungry. Someone mentioned getting a pizza, but everyone was too consumed with tuning their engine to pay attention to hunger pangs.

"Everyone is super excited, that's why everyone's working late," said Jason Koehler, the club's vice president.

They're excited because two weeks ago they finally got the engine running after fixing some wiring problems. "One person stared at the same problem for so long, it just wasn't happening," Koehler said. So he enlisted the help of his fellow engineers, just one example of the problem solving skills the team uses regularly.

The club is working on sending a race car to the Formula Society of Automotive Engineers competition in Pontiac, Mich., this May. November is pretty late to just be getting the engine running, so club president Eric Herbold is trying to motivate the 15 club members to speed the process along. "I am trying to stress the importance of consistently working on the car to save these guys from having to sleep in a garage, or even worse, failing to complete the car."

On Dec. 22, the team plans on taking the 1996 car out to Cal Expo to give the new members some behind-the-wheel practice. "It's one thing to design and build a car, it's another thing to drive it," said Jason DuBose, a Sac State graduate and former member who has returned to work on his "baby."

DuBose was at 2001's competition, along with other members who towed the car across Middle America to Michigan. The international competition judges the team on design, acceleration, skidpad, figure 8 handling, autocross

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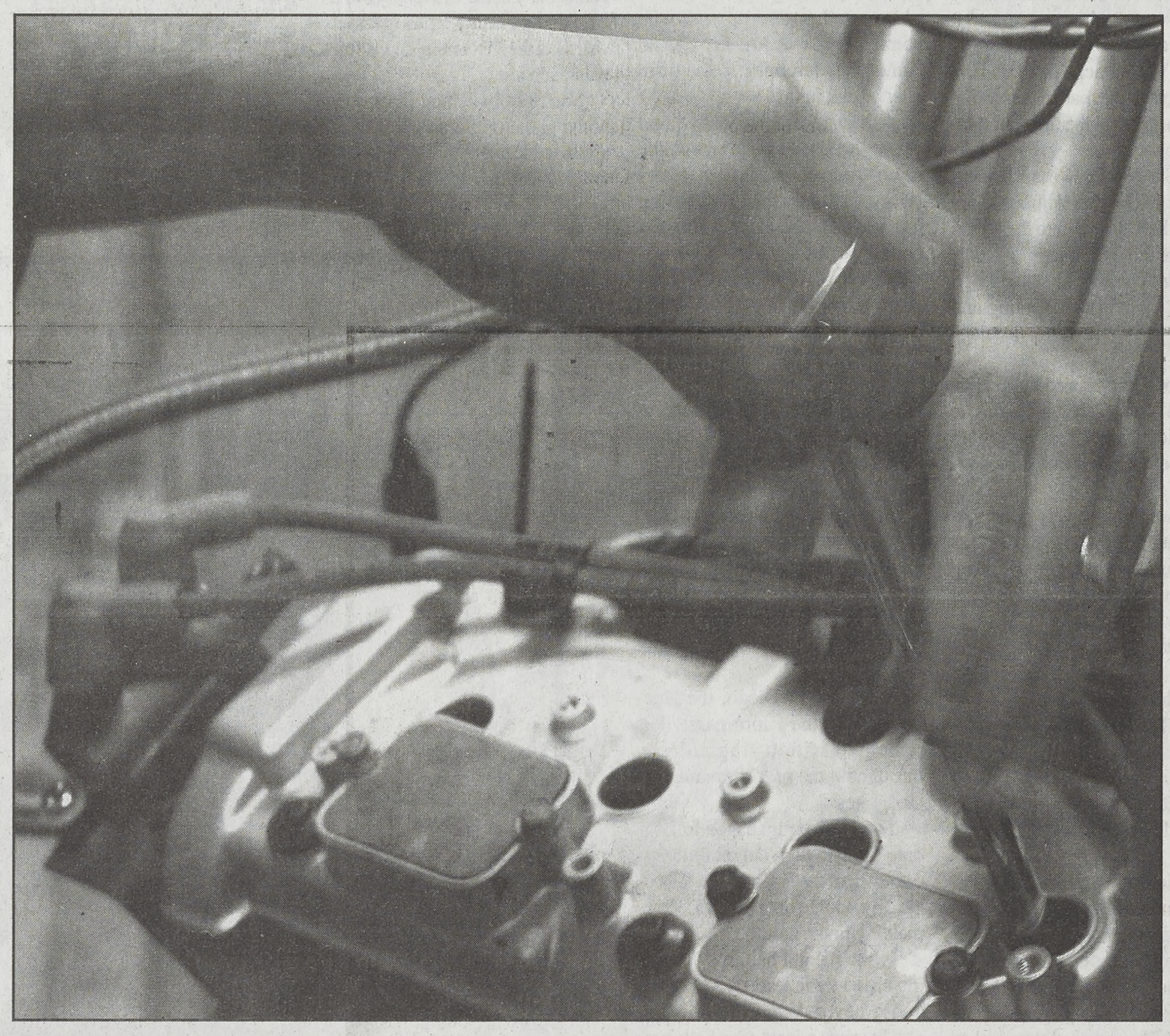


PHOTO BY NATALIE MORRIS/STATE HORNET
Members of Sac State's Racing Development club work vigorously to complete a racecar to send to the Formula Society of Automotive Engineers competition this May.



PHOTO BY WHITNEY LYNN DEATHERAGE/STATE HORNET
Just another day, just another meal in Sac State's reasonable Dining Commons.

Memoirs of a dormitory life

ANGELA SAVAGE
State Hornet

It's midmorning and I have just peeled open my eyes after a late night. I crawl out of my cozy shell of covers, put on my zebra-print slippers and shuffle down the long, dreary corridor with my eyes half closed, simultaneously dodging scattered piles of vomit while on my way to the bathroom.

I cannot speak for other universities, but being a resident in the dorms at Sacramento State isn't that bad. Sure, the cost may be steep for community living, and sometimes the drunks don't always make it to the bathroom on time. Regardless, it doesn't matter who you query, every dorm resident will tell you that living there is an experience one should have before graduation.

Freshman Chris Boss, for example, is an undeclared who finds that the dorms have their "ups and downs, but is a fun and good way to meet people, but not quite so good if you're into doing homework."

"It's the same food all of the time, I don't eat dinner anymore because it makes me sick."

- Michelle Scorza
Resident Advisor and communication junior

Resident Advisor and communication junior, Michelle Scorza also shares the notion that dormitory residence may be an acquired taste, but the majority will learn to love it.

"I would recommend living in the dorms," Scorza said. "You can't explain everything because every day is different. Try it for one to two years; you get to meet people and move away from home."

Most of my fellow dorm rats rationalize that meeting people is a prime reason for rationalizing living in a cubicle-sized room that strangely resembles a cellblock. Freshman kinesiology major Amanda Johansen said, "I like the dorms, having people always around you and friends that you make - you're never alone."

And freshman Alana Martin, a kinesiology and dance major, agrees that people are the reason the dorms are fantastic. "It's like an apartment; it's fun. I can go next door and chill. It would be different if I didn't like the people I was around."

But is the food worth it? In my

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Movie reviews

The Hornet on Hollywood

Far From Heaven

★★★

"Far From Heaven" takes place in 1950's Hartford, Conn., and follows housewife Cathy Whitaker (Julianne Moore), who discovers that her husband (Dennis Quaid) is struggling with heterosexuality.

She finds solace in her African American gardener, Raymond Deagen (Dennis Haysbert), which contributes to a deterioration of the Whitakers' picture perfect family appearance and sets the neighbors off into criticizing her for having an intimate friendship with Deagen.

Director Todd Haynes is the man behind the year's most elegantly colorful movie, brave and successful in tackling issues that are as relevant today as they were back then. One would think that in nearly half a century, American culture might have learned to be less ignorant or at least more forgiving. As the title indicates, we still have a long way to go.–*Jason Okamoto*

Empire

★★★

Victor Rosa (John Leguizamo) is a hardcore drug dealer in New York City who sells a heroin product called Empire. He tries to move beyond that life and go straight to make a legit living. But when the legit and the otherwise collide, Victor finds his life crumbling with fissures of greed, deception and powerlessness.

With a riveting performance, Leguizamo draws you in with an explosive mixture of egomania, vulnerability and desperation.

"Empire" is a much better film than it could have been. The storyline draws you in and makes you curious to see who ends up in a body bag and who doesn't. The film proves that studios can't go wrong with quality product. –*Hilton Collins*

Drumline

★★

Nick Cannon of Nickelodeon's "The Nick Cannon Show" is Devon Miles, who spices up his high school band's version of "I Believe I Can Fly" during graduation. He begins a full music scholarship at Atlanta A&T University, where he and the other new band members realize there is more to the show than playing their instruments. Adding more drama is Devon's drive to be the star of the show, which doesn't sit well with drum leader Sean Taylor (Leonard Roberts of "He's Got Game").

The film has likeable characters played by a fresh and energetic cast, but suffers from a good idea badly developed into a cheesy story. It ends up leaving you with the distinct taste of a two-part after school special in your mouth. –*Adriene Garrison*

DVDs

MTV Yoga

★★★

"MTV Yoga" is hosted by MTV family member Lori (cast member on "The Real World - Back to New York") with yogini Kristin McGee (a professional instructor/actress featured on "Sex in the City"), leading moves set to the music of BT (L.A.-based DJ known for the 2000 single "Never Gonna Come Back Down").

The DVD features an alternate "instructor only" audio track for the non-raver set.

McGee's guidance is excellent and her frequent cues to breathe will emphasize to beginners the importance of breath to the exercise. Different versions of the poses for the novice or expert are also covered in the program, making "MTV Yoga" a good DVD to pick up if you've always wanted to try yoga but were afraid of new age music. –*Michelle Miller*

Movie review

'Lord of the Rings' sequel fails to shine

S.T. VanAirsdale
State Hornet

About two hours and fifteen minutes into "The Two Towers" (the second installment of director Peter Jackson's "The Lord of the Rings" saga, based on the novel and series by J.R.R. Tolkien), a pair of Hobbits waits for a congress of talking trees. At last, the leader, Treebeard, groans that he and his forest friends "never say anything unless it is worth taking a long time to say."

Clocking in just shy of three hours, "The Two Towers" is as light on its feet as a full day of stacking wood. What begins with an astonishing human vs. monster duel through a pit ends with an even more astonishing study in what Jackson can and can't buy for $100 million.

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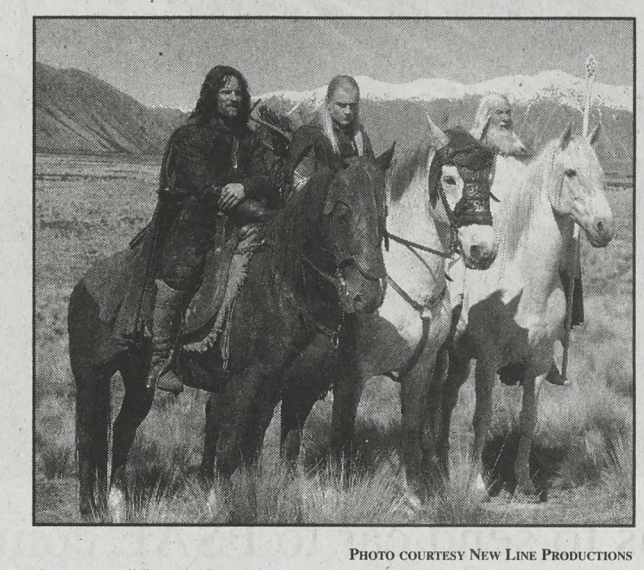


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Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen) (Orlando Bloom) Legolas and (Ian McKellen) Gandalf the White (left to right) ride on the Rohan plains.

The Two Towers

★★

Starring: Elijah Wood, Ian McKellan, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Astin and Christopher Lee
Directed by: Peter Jackson
Produced by: Barrie M. Osborne, Fran Walsh and Jackson
Written by: Fran Walsh, Philippa Boyens, Stephen Sinclair and Jackson
170 mins.
Rated: PG-13

Hornet Interview

Actress Parker Posey ponders 'Personal Velocity'

Anton Weaver
State Hornet

With her new independent film "Personal Velocity" being released this week, a busy but eager Parker Posey found time to sit down with the State Hornet and answer some questions about the movie and her career.

With over 45 titles in her filmography, some of you might still be asking, "Who is Parker Posey?" Diverging from her usual independent film genre, Posey was featured in "Josie and the Pussycats," "Scream 3," and more recently in "The Sweetest Thing." Her quirky persona and impeccable talent to play such a wide range of characters stands out as one of her best qualities.

"I just want to work. I'm a freelancer, you know. That's who I am," said Posey when asked about her work and recent roles in mainstream films. With an average workload of two movies per year, her repertoire includes appearances on NBC's "Will and Grace" and Fox's "The Simpsons." Posey isn't a newbie to the world of television, with her humble beginning in daytime soaps like "As the World Turns."



Photo By Jason Lehrbaum/State Hornet

Parker Posey poses casually.

"It was hard doing soap operas, walking around on Astroturf and sitting on plastic rocks, corny dialog and having to learn it too, which is really hard; the melodramatic acting, you know," she said. "In the beginning I was just terrified, coming from drama school, but it was good training. It's really good discipline."

Being in low-budget independent films doesn't slow Posey down, instead fueling her desire to work with talented people and be involved with projects on a level sometimes lacking from big budget films. "Personal Velocity" was just such a project. "This movie has done something that none of the other independent movies have done. Indigent Films, has given all the keys of the profits of the film," says Posey. "It was made well under a million dollars, so whatever the movie makes, everyone has invested three weeks or six days of work in, and we actually have an investment in the movie, so, it's actually very nice."

Featuring Posey in a serious role as a married woman struggling with issues of fidelity, she comments, "What I like about this character is how she is so complex and she can be contradictory." When asked what she might do if faced with her character's situation, she exuded a "good girl" attitude. "I would feel guilty, I went to Catholic school you know. I wouldn't do that, I would wear it on my sleeve."

For an actress versatile enough to play the mandolin (a skill required in her upcoming film, "A Mighty Wind," with Christopher Guest) and with so many films to her credit, she brings a flair to the screen far more deserving of the spotlight and attention her higher-paid contemporaries take for granted. Whether in a low-budget film or a Hollywood event flick, Parker Posey is a talent yet to be tapped and discovered.



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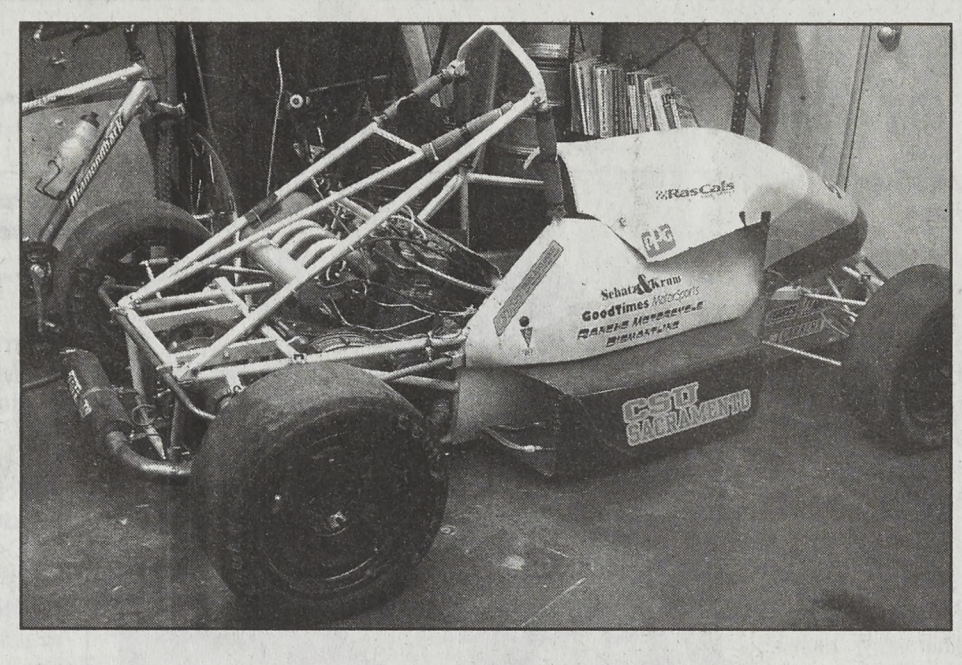
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Reaching speeds upwards of 74 mph and riding one inch above the ground, this year's racecar entry sounds impressive.

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Car: Club plans to send car to FSAE competition

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and an endurance run. With only two gallons of gas, the grueling 22-kilometer endurance challenge only sees about 30 of the 135 entry cars crossing the finish line. A brake malfunction during 2001's endurance run caused the team to pull out early, resulting in a 79th place ranking. In 1996, the team placed 10th overall.

"It's a fun event. You meet a lot of teams and it's a big learning experience because you realize (you) don't have the best car out there," DuBose said.

The car can go from 0 to 60 mph in three to four seconds, and rides one inch off the ground. It reaches speeds upwards of 74 mph, but this is because it's geared low to get maximum acceleration. Parts are gleaned from Escorts, Corvettes and motorcycles, but the students make most of the car themselves.

The mechanical engineers admit they'd like some help from more business-minded students in writing the 100-page report that accompanies the entry. "We've got to put it on paper, that's just annoying," grouses Koehler, who'd much rather work with wrenches than words.

"It's good experience," said Koehler, who has a wife and two kids. "We take what we've learned and apply it to the car. The $20,000 budget scares half the people away and the sleepless nights scare the rest."

The families of some of the married members may be less than understanding about the time devoted to the car. "I don't know if (the married guys) sleep on the couch or outside with the dog or what," said Herbold. He had a girlfriend around the time of last year's competition who didn't like his level of dedication to the club, but was still supportive.

Tonight they're fiddling with the magnificent jumble of wires and valves that make up the engine. Using a computer in the engine test lab in Riverside Hall, they huddle over sensor readouts that help tune the 600cc Kawasaki ZX-6-R motorcycle engine.

"That is not right," Herbold said while pointing to the fuel map readout as the engine rumbles and coughs. The distinct smell of gasoline saturates the room.

The next pull sounds better. The exhaust envelopes DuBose and the others standing next to the engine. Their eyes start to water.

"Don't get emotional," Koehler quips as he flips the room's vent fan.

They stayed until 10:30 p.m., which was an early night. When last year's competition was approaching, the team would pull all-nighters. "I would go over to Brian (Starkovich's) house after school and work on the car until 3 a.m., then sleep in the garage until I had to go to class in the morning at 8 a.m.," Herbold said.

According to Herbold, Ford, GM and Chrysler developed the competition for recruiting mechanical engineering students. The competition is reportedly crawling with representatives from major automobile manufacturers who offer jobs to students. "It's like a secret code on the résumé for those who know about the club," he said.

The club's budget is $16,000 for the car and $4,000 for the trip. Some of the club's money is obtained through grants and a yearly donation of $3,000 by Associated Students, Inc. Sponsors like Schatz & Krum and Teegarden Motorsports chip in for the rest, supplying the team with discounted parts and money.

When Herbold took over as treasurer three years ago, the club was $5,000 in debt. He admits it was easier to get out of debt than to be president of a club with no monetary incentive. "I never had to deal with people this much," he said. "There is no real way to motivate people to do something for nothing. Can't cut their pay. Can't fire them.

Dorm: Pluses and minuses to life

Dorms: From Page B4

humble opinion, absolutely. I can't complain. Everyday, without fail, there is an array of food already prepared and within my grasp. But not everyone concurs. "It's the same food all of the time, I don't eat dinner anymore because it makes me sick," Scorza said.

But others' opinions parallel my own, such as Johansen's, "The food is good, but repetitive."

So the food may repeat itself, but there are usually larger concerns people have before transforming into a dorm dweller, such as adjusting to the utopian concept of community living.

To describe dorm living, I would borrow Forrest Gump's famous saying. Dorm living is "like a box of chocolates," a bunch of good and bad packaged tightly together.

I suppose I'm not the only one who was initially skeptical of the people who I was assigned to live with. "I really like my residents," Scorza said. "I thought I was going to get a floor full of idiots or stereotypical freshman, but they are the best floor ever."

After the tedious search of trying to find someone who would comment on how atrocious their roommate was, I couldn't, although I did find a bunch that really enjoyed their match ups. "I got lucky," said Brittney Claycamp, a Sac State Crew gal. "I have one of the bigger rooms and a wonderful roommate!"

So the roommate situation is negotiable, and if strategically planned, the food can be avoided. But what about nightlife? While every night within the sanction of the dorms is not quite a "Van Wilder" adventure, or picturesque of "Animal House," it does have its moments, nuisances and rituals.

Considering the patterns, it seems Thursday night is the loudest, and the most exciting.

Boss said his favorite part "is playing sports in the halls," while others find it more of an irritation than anything else. "Thursday night is party night, when everyone goes out, comes home at two in the morning and you can't get homework done," said Martin.

There may be some pluses and minuses of dorm life, but the majority say it is a must for any college student's to do list.

If you're already living in the dorms or planning to, Martin has sagely advice about never allowing floor-to-foot contact. "Wear shower shoes," she said. "Buy 20 of them, a pair to match every towel you have. Never go without them."

Rings: Two films down, one to go

Rings: From Page B5

He doesn't waste any time reintroducing viewers to Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood), the Hobbit who must destroy the all-powerful One Ring before minions of the dark wizard Saruman (Christopher Lee) can find the Ring and take over Middle-earth. Frodo and his friend/guardian Sam (Sean Astin) wander lost through one kingdom after another before being ambushed by Gollum, a neurotic, emaciated gray goblin who has been lurking around for a chance to steal the Ring.

Elsewhere, human warrior Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen), elf warrior Legolas (Orlando Bloom) and dwarf quasi-warrior Gimli (John Rhys-Davies) roam the countryside in search of lost Hobbits Pippin and Merry (Billy Boyd and Dominic Monaghan), who were captured by a sinister Uruk-hai platoon at the end of the first film. In their hunt, the warriors run across the reincarnated wizard Gandalf (Ian McKellen), who leads the trio to the kingdom of Rohan and its troubled monarch Theoden.

Aside from the offerings of Lee and McKellen, no other performances come close to out dueling an array of visual effects that do most of Jackson's talking for him. At one point, Pippin and Merry ride tall in the high boughs of Treebeard, a walking, talking tree who leads a group of other such wooden beings to avenge local deforestation. If plot contrivances like talking plants do nothing for you, then consider skipping "The Two Towers." Jackson is painstakingly faithful to Tolkien's book and choreographs more last-minute heroism than you'd find on a John Elway highlight reel.

You're left to assume that any characters dangling at Jackson's loose ends will have their fates resolved in the final installment next year. In doing so, "The Two Towers" commits one of the deadly sins of sequeldom — it leans too heavily on the films before and after. Other sci-fi sequels — such as "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Aliens" — avoided such pitfalls, helping establish their status as true, stand-alone classics of the genre.

"The Two Towers" likely has no use for such ambition. Next year, Jackson has another nine-figure budget and another three hours at hand to wind up the epic his way. While the film is an occasionally masterful exercise in visual art, you may be hard-pressed to find anything worth taking such a long time to say.

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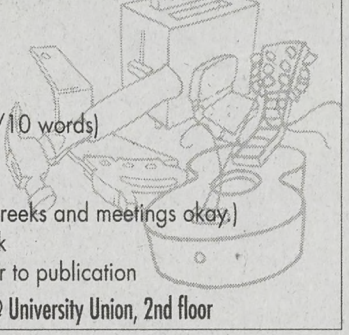
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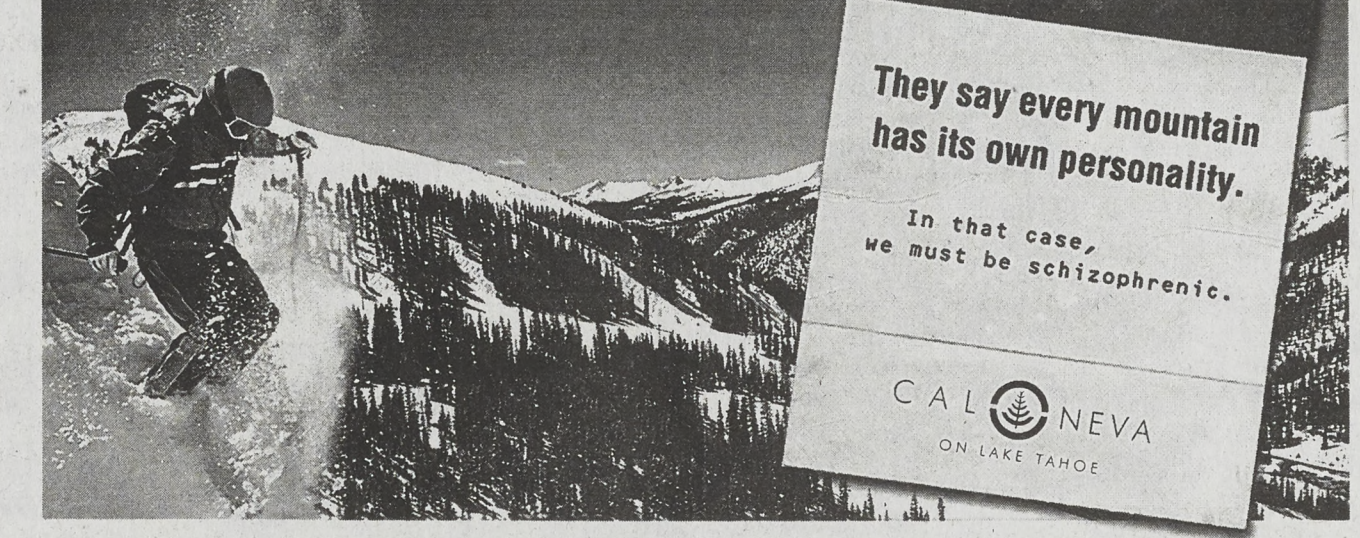
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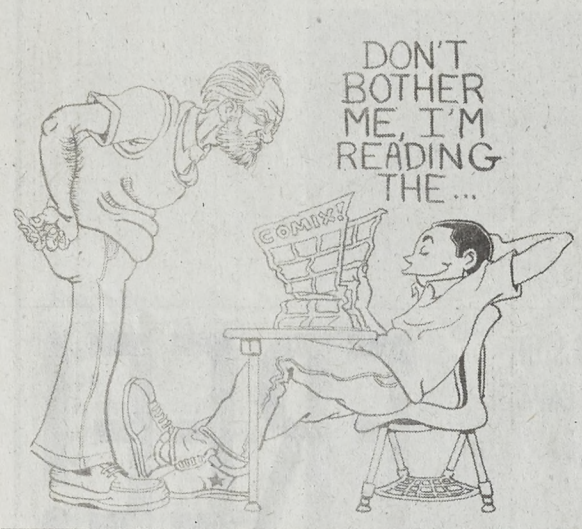
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Holidays and Guilt

The Whipping Post

BY S.T. VANAIRSDALE
HORNET COLUMNIST

I've been feeling guilty recently, and not because of what I've said this semester about chalk artists or Hornet sports. I'm not so regretful about having eviscerated Sac State's most tastelessly dressed professors, and I stand by last week's endorsement of Morrissey, no matter how many nasty letters my readers send me.

My remorse runs much deeper than any of those subjects could dig. This isn't just any old guilt—I'm talking about ugly, penetrating white guilt.

White guilt is a uniquely modern phenomenon, the product of generations of revisionist history and ongoing (and overdue) social corrections to promote racial equality in our country. It is a dense, specific guilt; considering earlier whites' massacres of Native Americans and the perpetuation of slavery and segregation, it's also a guilt we whites have earned for ourselves.

My own conscience simmers nonstop over that past. I was staying relatively calm until a month ago, when an unexpected source of anger emerged from—of all places—the academic calendar.

I learned that while the rest of the United States commemorates President's Day next February, the CSU system will be "honoring" George Washington's and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays on Dec. 30 and 31 of this year. On the other hand, the CSU will observe civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday during the coming intersession, and late union organizer Cesar Chavez's birthday next March 31—the only state or federal holiday observed during the spring semester.

While I would agree that King, Chavez and their work are worthy of annual commemoration, I can't believe how ignorant the CSU is in recognizing both Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays as little more than an excuse for a five-day weekend at the end of 2002. I mean, George Washington was General of the Continental Army during the American Revolution and was the first President of the United States. Abraham Lincoln waged four years of war to save the nation and abolish slavery. It should be clear that President's Day exists for a reason, and it's not so that CSU staff can have a few extra days of skiing after Christmas.

I contemplated writing letters, starting a petition or even scrawling my sentiments around campus with chalk, as so many of Sac State's best and brightest have been known to do. Soon afterward, however, a familiar awareness overtook me: I felt as if I was associating King and Chavez with my own disgust.

And so began a quintessential episode of white guilt.

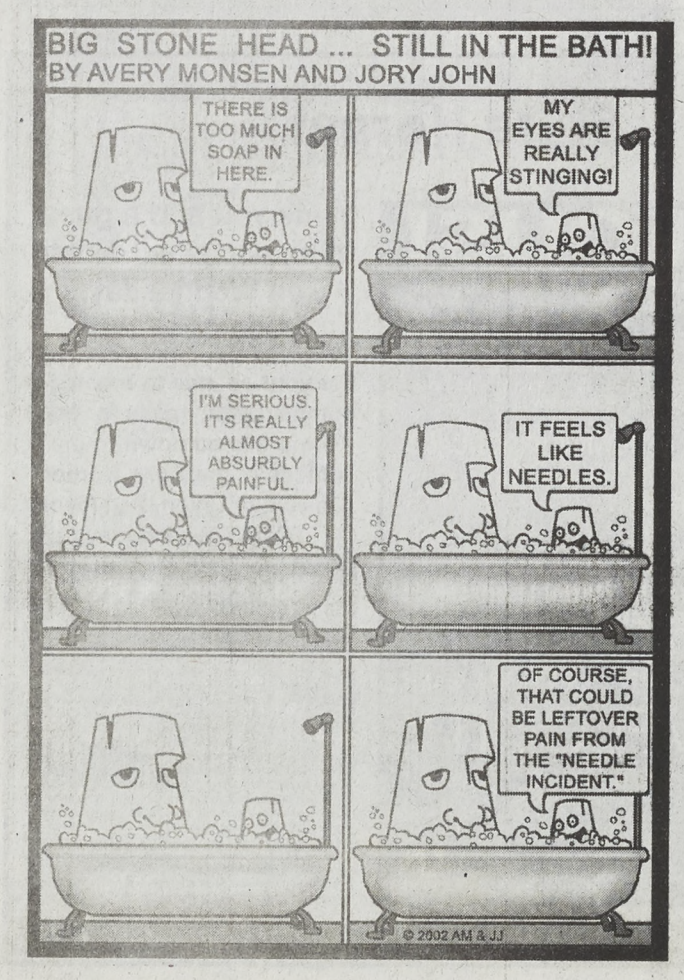
Of course, I wasn't associating King and Chavez themselves with anything; I believed it was only appropriate that the CSU observe President's Day by the same standards by which it observes Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Cesar Chavez Day. It makes sense historically, it makes sense traditionally and—seeing as both Presidents' birthdays are in February—it makes sense rationally.

But it doesn't make a whole lot of sense culturally for a white guy to stand up for a couple of long-dead white U.S. presidents, no matter how much they accomplished. History speaks in a contorted dialect of yesterdays, and at some point following an event such as the American Revolution or the Civil War, the dialect ceases to be understood. I am embarrassed by and afraid to speak for much of the distant (and not-so-distant) past, which is so often full of brutal, ethnocentric truth that its heroes' credibility erodes with their bones.

Whites have a lot of history to be ashamed of, but what about today? The idealist in me wants to believe that part of the purpose of a King or Chavez holiday is that they will be recognized in the same company as icons such as Washington and Lincoln. The CSU has cynically removed that possibility from campus life, and I'm left with little faith that students and faculty will see each holiday for what it should be—a celebration.

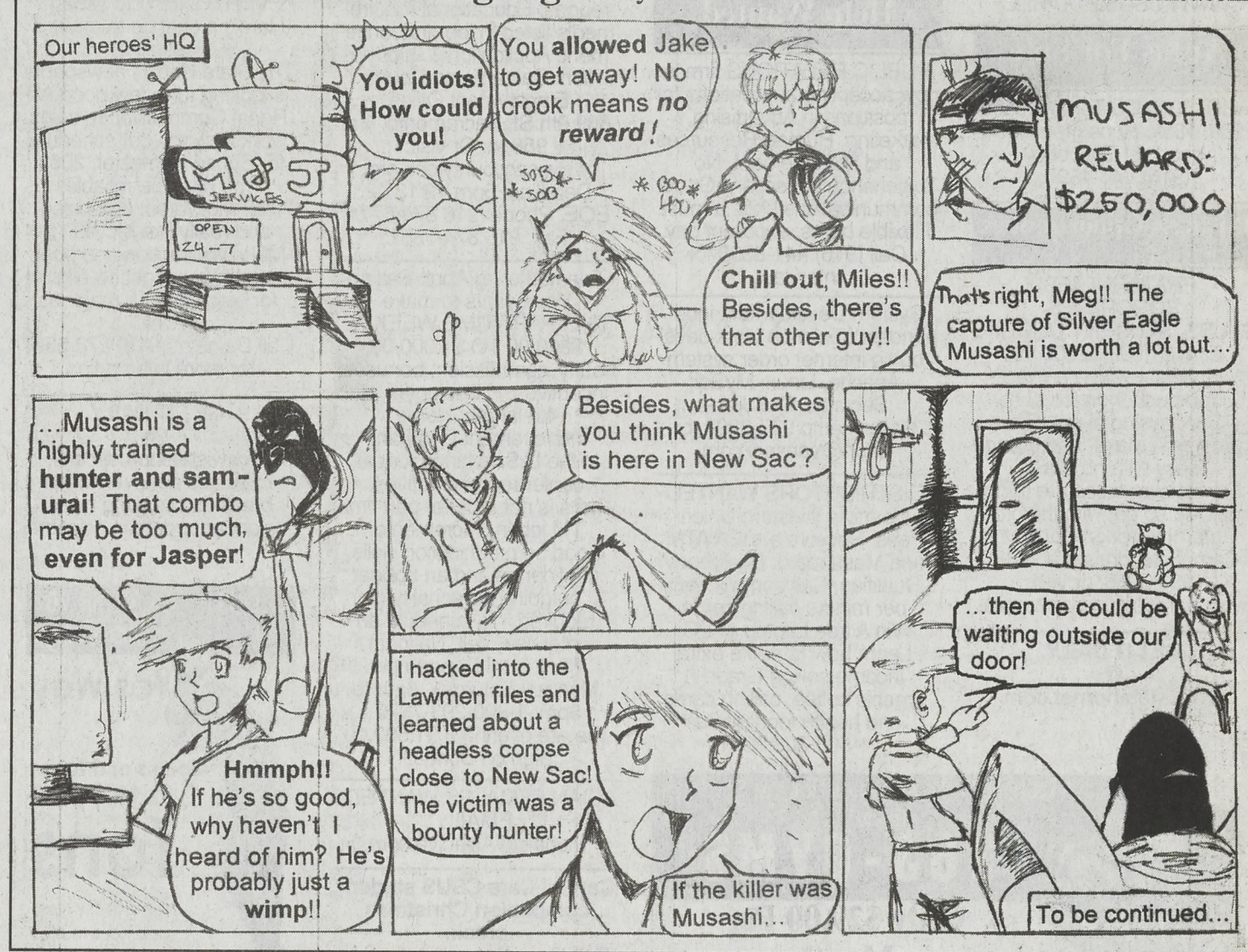
And as guilty as it makes me feel, I only have one admonition for your winter break: Don't forget to enjoy President's Day.

S.T. VanAirsdale wanted to end the semester with a light and happy column. Contact VanAirsdale at ***coolwhip@statehornet.com****.*



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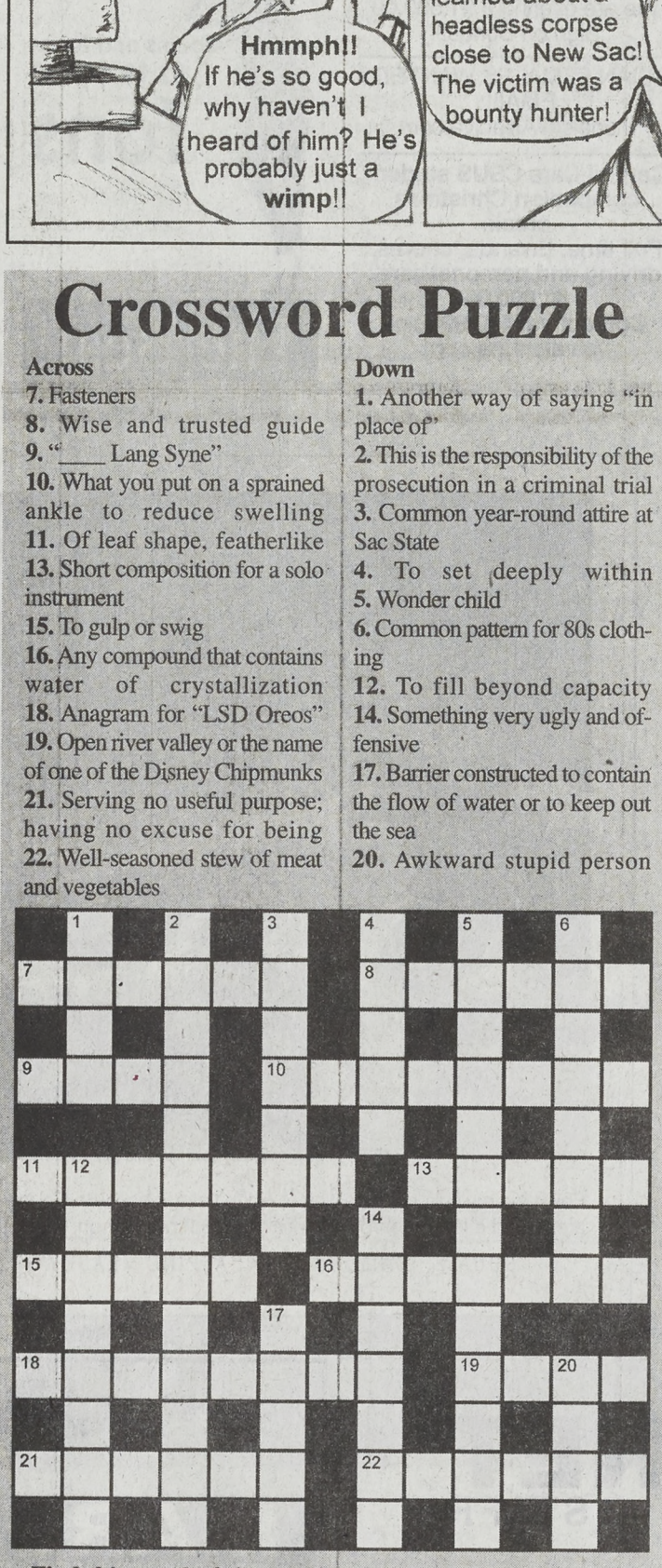
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15. To gulp or swig
16. Any compound that contains water of crystallization
18. Anagram for "LSD Oreos"
19. Open river valley or the name of one of the Disney Chipmunks
21. Serving no useful purpose; having no excuse for being
22. Well-seasoned stew of meat and vegetables

Down

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3. Common year-round attire at Sac State
4. To set deeply within
5. Wonder child
6. Common pattern for 80s clothing
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14. Something very ugly and offensive
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According to James Burns, the State Hornet's Managing Editor, it is impossible for a human being to speak and fart at the same time.

These are the people in your neighborhood.... Namer of Superheroes, Lauren Kesseler

BY JESSE BAGGS



Lauren Kesseler

When going through the submissions for the "**Name that Superhero Contest**," the Hornet Staff looked at the submitted name only, and not the name of the person making the submission. However, once we had chosen the winning name, **Horneeto**, we were surprised to find that the winner, **Lauren Kesseler**, had come up with four of the superhero names that made our top seven.

Perhaps this should not be too surprising since Lauren submitted **fifteen** superhero names for the contest. Some notable names that didn't make the final cut: **"Captain Mandible," "Stingy MacStingerson"** and **"Dwight."**

When Lauren's not naming superheroes she tries to find time for her **Sociology major** and her job at **Tower Books**. The Funny Pages insisted that she be interviewed before she can receive her **$50 gift certificate to TGI Friday's**.

Hornet Staff: Where is your favorite place in Sacramento?

Lauren Kesseler: Rick's Dessert Diner. I am a sucker for a good chocolate dessert and Rick's definitely has the best.

HS: If we turned on your stereo right now, what would we hear?

Lauren: The new **Björk** greatest hits album.

HS: Who would play you in a movie?

Lauren: I don't think anyone should play me in a movie. If I ever do anything great enough to warrant a movie I will play myself.

HS: If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

Lauren: The power to heal people by touching them. I would be able to cure cancer, AIDS, arthritis and everything else in an instant.

HS: If you could sleep with any famous person from all of human history, who would it be?

Lauren: Gene Kelly. He was hot and he could dance, sing, and act.

HS: What is your intoxicant of choice?

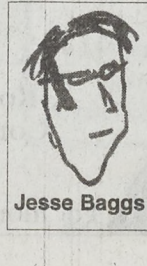
Lauren: Sugar. Nothing beats a good old-fashioned sugar high.

HS: If a genie granted you three wishes, what would they be?

Lauren: I would wish for the ability to sing well, artistic ability, and a flying car.

HS: What, for you, is the meaning of life in 25 words or less?

Lauren: To truly touch someone's soul.



Jesse Baggs

It's so hard to say goodbye...

Since the Funny Pages will probably not be returning next semester, Jesse Baggs and the rest of the Funny Pages staff would like to thank all you great kids for the good times we've shared over the course of this semester. See you in the Funny Pages!